

Stock Market Slumps Again

Profit taking on the New York stock market Monday morning following on the heels of last week's "prosperity" boom, was felt in sharp declines in most leaders according to press reports Monday afternoon. The market was credited with a three-billion dollar rise last week-end.

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Legion Airport Assured

FARMERS TO GET \$50,000,000 FOR CROP LOANS IN 1932 SAYS REPORT FROM CONGRESSMAN FULBRIGHT

Congressman J. F. Fulbright of this district submits the following statement relative to regulations of the Department of Agriculture concerning crop loans:

Under a recent Act of Congress, fifty million dollars is made available to the Secretary of Agriculture to be loaned to farmers who are unable to obtain loans for crop production during the year 1932.

The application for the loan shall be made upon a form prescribed by the Secretary. No applicant shall receive more than four hundred dollars. The total amount of loans to the tenants of any one landowner in a single county, shall not exceed sixteen hundred dollars. Amounts loaned for feed for work stock shall not exceed \$15 per animal.

The applicant must have operated a farm in 1931, and must have no other means of livelihood. No loans will be made for a total acreage of crops in excess of that planted by the borrower in the Spring of 1931. No

loans will be made for the purchase of livestock or the feeding of livestock other than work stock used in crop production. No loan will be made to an individual or to the tenants or share croppers of any landlord to finance or assist in financing the planting of an acreage of cotton or tobacco in excess of 65 per cent of the acreage of such crops planted by such individual or by the tenants or share croppers of such landlord in the Spring of 1931. Provided that the foregoing shall not apply to the farmer, tenant or share cropper, who in 1931 planted no more than ten acres of cotton or three acres of tobacco. All applicants must agree to plant a garden for home use and a sufficient acreage of feed crops to succeed in salvaging most of their personal belongings.

The alarm was not turned on until about 4:00 o'clock, and when firemen arrived at the scene, the roof of the Moore home was falling in. Both houses are owned by E. T. Lee.

Moore carried \$600 insurance with the Powell Insurance Company and stated that approximately \$100 in cash was also consumed in the fire. Money is not covered by ordinary household insurance, and represents a total loss in this case.

A second fire call to the Frank F. Converse home, 618 Kendall St., was answered Saturday afternoon about 3 o'clock. A grass fire threatened the garage, but had been brought under control by neighbors when firemen arrived.

Dr. Stanley J. Tilghman, living in the W. W. Hinckley home on Park Avenue, turned in a fire alarm about midnight Saturday, when a fire burned out. There was no damage.

CHARLESTON GIRL WEDS DETROIT, MICH., MAN

Charleston, February 10.—Announcement has been received in this city of the marriage of Miss Marian Gray and Mr. Dale Woods, both of Detroit, Mich., which was solemnized on January 30th in Detroit.

Mrs. Woods is the daughter of John Gray. She was reared in Charleston and educated in Charleston schools, later completing her education in Detroit. She is well known in Southeast Missouri and was a visitor in this city during the past fall season.

The plant is now valued at \$2,250,000.

The State Public Service Commission today dismissed complaint of citizens of Columbia against charges for electricity. The dismissal followed a Supreme Court decision holding the commission has no authority over municipal electrical system.

Councilman Houchins Suggests Eliminating Merchants' Tax Instead of Light Rate Cut

A rather different view of the current problem of cutting light rates, and the age old problem of merchant taxes is voiced in a signed article by R. H. Houchins, councilman from Ward 4. Certain interests in the city backed more or less by a local newspaper have aroused dissatisfaction over existing light and power rates, although every promise made during the contest for a municipally owned plant has been kept to the letter, especially as affecting rates charged for service.

In the following article Councilman Houchins, who is a candidate for re-election to the Board of Alderman in the spring election, sets forth pertinent facts relative to the bonded debt of the city, and the year-by-year drain on city resources to meet interest payments. His solution is contained in the articles headed "Should We Reduce the Rate?"

There are a few persons in our city, who are advocating a reduction of light rates. If that is best for the city I am for it; if not, I am opposed to such a move.

At the present time we have a

bonded debt of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, as follows:

Waterbonds, \$12,000 @ 5%... \$ 600
Street bonds, \$4,000 @ 5%.... 200

Fire Bonds, \$17,000 @ 6%.... 1020

Sewer bonds, \$76,000 @ 5%... 3800

Light bonds, \$150,000 @ 5½%... 8250

\$259,000 \$13,870

The annual interest charge is therefore \$13,870, and in order to meet this interest, we have a sinking fund of sixty cents on the one hundred dollar valuation in the city.

The regular city tax is only fifty cents on the hundred dollars making a total tax of \$1.10 the present rate.

In addition, business houses have an occupation tax, or "merchants' license tax" which is very distasteful to many. With these facts in mind, it might be good judgment and good business to let the tax rate, and light rate remain as it is, and abolish first of all this occupation tax the first of next July. After that the bonded debt should be reduced as rapidly as possible, thereby reducing our interest charges, and as soon as the latter would justify, reduce the sinking fund, ten cents on the hundred dol-

lars, valuation which would equal one-eleventh of the total city tax.

In conclusion, permit me to say with the present light rate, we would be able to pay our bonds as fast as they become due, reduce our interest taxes, improve streets, extend water and sewer systems without an extra cent of tax to citizens. The electricity we use would do all this, then why reduce rates? Better let well enough alone.

Your for Sikeston,
R. M. HOUCHINS

HOPE EDWARDS ARRIVES

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Edwards of Matthews Avenue, announce the arrival of their daughter, Hope, born Saturday night, February 13. Mother and child are getting along fine.

South St. Louis—Plans approved for alterations and enlargement of space in South Side of National Bank building.

Norwood—Elmer E. Raney moved his stock of groceries, meats and fruits to south room of bank building.

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GREENER'S STORE LOCKED UP MONDAY

Greener's Store is no more. Tom Baty, manager of the general merchandise store, received his instructions Monday morning to complete inventory and to ship any remaining stock to headquarters in Memphis, Tenn., winding up a selling-out sale which has been in progress for the past three weeks.

The local store has been a retail outlet here for the Memphis wholesale house for the past five years. No reason has been assigned by the main office for the recent decision to close up the local store.

Mr. Baty, who has been manager since the opening of the store here, and five employees will be thrown out of work.

MUNICIPAL PLANT CLEARS \$77,000 AT COLUMBIA MO.

Columbia, Mo., February 12.—A \$77,000 surplus for 1931 that remained after the municipal water and light plant spent \$148,000 for improvements has increased the plant's surplus fund to \$200,000. A. D. Donner, superintendent of the plant since 1924, said today.

Furthermore, Donner said, the plant paid a payroll totaling \$86,200 and for coal bought from two Columbia mines that also totaled \$86,000. The city's general revenue fund has been loaned \$40,000, in addition, until city taxes are collected. Donner estimates that the street lighting and water furnished the city would have cost, at the very lowest estimate, \$50,000, if purchased from a utility.

The surplus, drawing 2½ per cent interest in the bank, can be used as only the City Council, or a vote of the people, directs. An election will be held this March to decide whether Columbia will use some of the amount for a city hall.

Rates Reduced Recently

A few days ago the City Council ordered a reduction in the electric light rates from 7 cents a kilowatt hour for the first 30 hours to 6 cents. The other rates, 5 for the next 30 hours and 3½ for all over the first 60, were not changed. These rates are also given for stores and business houses.

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Hard Water

In regard to using money from the surplus to buy equipment to soften the water, which is hard to use for laundry and bathing purposes, Donner said the cost would run around \$120,000, which he regarded as an excessive cost for the result attained.

"Ninety per cent of the water is used for purposes other than those that would benefit from softening of the water," Donner said.

It has been reported in the past that much criticism of the plant has come from certain persons solely because equipment has not been purchased for softening the water.—Post-Dispatch.

Since the rate proposition is mentioned in the Columbia story, a bill for 75 KWH was figured at the local residential rate. A Sikeston customer would pay \$4.05 for 75 KWH while his Columbia resident would pay \$4.13. A similar bill paid to the Union Electric Company, St. Louis, estimating the cost on a 5-room house basis would cost \$3.90. One sub-station of the Union Electric, however, would supply electricity to more customers than are available in all Sikeston.

The program in detail for the two-day session follows:

Saturday, February 20—Registration—All ex-service men, ex-service women, wives of veterans, other Auxiliary members at 6 and S. Central Ave., Clayton, Mo.

CANDIDATE FOR SHERIFF BREAKS LEG FRIDAY

Wade G. Anderson of Commerce, who last week announced as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Sheriff of Scott County, suffered a broken leg in a fall off a truck at Cairo, Ill., Friday. He is convalescing in St. Mary's Hospital, where he will probably remain for several weeks.

According to word received here by Ralph Anderson, cousin of Wade, the leg was broken between the knee and hip.

Mr. Anderson and his brother, Norval, are associated with the Dixie Cotton Feed Co. Another brother, formerly State Senator Tillman Anderson, resides at Commerce.

Each day we have to take a new look at some place which we have been accustomed to view through the mellow light of the long ago. Jerusalem is worried about missing airplanes, and a radio broadcasting station is being installed at Mt. Vernon.

Community Peace Disturbance Charge To Be Aired In Matthews Court February 26

The latest advice from Matthews states that the much-discussed case of Big Opening Community vs. Jones, Uttoff-Bailey-Shelby, charged with peace disturbance, would be heard in Justice Court February 26 instead of Wednesday this week as originally scheduled. The move was made Monday morning after J. V. Conran, prosecuting attorney stated that he would be unable to serve Wednesday.

Rumor has it that if Morris Bailey is convicted of the charge filed by James Shelby, charging assault with intent to kill, that a counter move will be made by the Bailey family charging Shelby with highway robbery. It is reliably stated that Bruce Shelby, who suffered knife wounds, allegedly at the hands of Bailey, was instrumental in beating the Bailey boy, getting him drunk, and robbing him of \$4 cash and a ring, the night before the alleged cutting assault with intent to kill.

Morris was bound over to Justice Court under \$500 bond signed by Spulig Beck and Sam Ayers.

Members of the community claim that the quartet of young men has been a disturbing element for some time. Drinking, fighting and other disturbances are charged to the young men during various functions in the district.

General Good Time Promised Legionnaires Who Attend Clayton Round-Up Feb. 20-21

Legionnaires and members of the American Legion Auxiliary, who journey to Clayton Saturday and Sunday, February 20 and 21, are assured by the committee on entertainment that dull moments will be few and far between at this particular round-up. The get-together is being promoted for the purpose of advertising the American Legion and its purpose in St. Louis County. Visiting Legionnaires are to meet those of St. Louis County, swap ideas for the good of the organization, hear speakers of the National reputation, and if possible, build up or propose legislative programs for the benefit of ex-service men, his family, widow or orphans.

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Hotels (West End Location) Forest Park Hotel. Special rate: \$1.50 a day; double rooms and large suites for 3 in room at above rate. Entire 7th floor reserved for bachelors, 80 other rooms, double, reserved for ex-service men and their wives. Reservation for rooms and stag banquet may be made direct to P. B. Paine, Mgr. Forest Park Hotel. (Former

Lease Signed Monday for 80-acre Tract on Highway 61 One Mile South of City

Night School May Be Held If Demanded

The long-heralded American Legion

Airport, scheduled for definite attention this year, is on its way to becoming a reality, following a committee meeting Monday morning with Jos. L. Matthews and Harry Smith, at which a lease was signed turning over to the Henry Meldrum Post an 80-acre tract of land just east of the Highway "Y" station, one mile south of Sikeston for the purpose of establishing an airport.

The committee consisting of Art Sensenbaugh, chairman, and members Loomis Mayfield, Earl Johnson, H. E. Dudley and Lyle Malone agreed on all major particulars with the landowners, and a lease is being drafted now.

The committee has made plans to contact government and private air transport companies to have the field properly identified on all air maps.

It is the plan of the Legion committee eventually to have not only a first class, lighted airport, but to have ground available for a baseball diamond and grandstand, and for carnivals and any circus which may wish to show here. As a matter of fact a carnival has been booked for showing here this spring, for a cash guarantee consideration, of course, for in that manner is the project to be financed for the time being. Plans also call for a monster Fourth of July celebration, and an air circus. The experience of other Legion-operated airports shows that the venture is not self-sustaining purely from revenue derived from hanger rentals, etc., necessitating either a subsidy, or financing through other means such as those mentioned.

The charges are an outgrowth of a more serious affair in which Morris Bailey and Buster Shelby figured one week ago. Jim Shelby, whose son, Buster, was wounded Sunday night, February 7, during a fight near the church with Bailey, filed charges of assault with intent to kill.

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Since the Sikeston realty company has ruled thumbs down on baseball, local players and fans have been without their favorite summer sport. With the advent of the airport idea, together with Legion backing, a grandstand and diamond, is again a live topic.

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Sunday, February 21, (9 a. m.)—Church services, St. Joseph's, Father Steipek, Maryland and Meramec. Central Presbyterian, 862 Hanley Rd.

Sight seeing tour—10:00 a. m. Jefferson Memorial and points of interest.

Joint parade, 12:30—Bands, drum and bugle corps, ladies' auxiliary, ex-service men, ex-service women, Legion Posts, Spanish-American War Veterans, Disabled veterans, veterans of Foreign Wars, Marine Corps League, Second Div. Ass'n. Boy and Girl Scouts.

Speakers at high school, 1 p. m.—H. C. Blanton, D. Nee, H. Castlen, J. Kincaid, P. O'Brien, H. Lark W. V. Brennan, Geo. Fiske, E. R. Proctor, L. J. Fordyce, C. E. O'Neill, C. K. Spencer, F. X. Reller, J. A. Jeffress, D. M. Mahoney, H. S. Beardsley, L. V. Parker, C. White, L. J. Bresnahan, A. T. King, L. R. Stroud, P. A. Dallmeyer, G. V. Dierker, L. Brown, P. R. French, R. W. Page, J. M. Reeves, F. W. Manchester, P. J. Robinette.

Air Circus—2:00. Address by Jas. H. Doolittle—stunts by many famous flyers.

Joint banquet of all organizations—6:30. Van Horne's. Presentation of gavel bells by J. Grant Frye, Department Judge Advocate.

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C. L. BLANTON, EDITOR

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WHY RUN FOR OFFICE.

Now that the campaign for office in various cities is under way, there seems to be two well defined reasons for wanting these offices, most of which are without considerable salaries. One reason, and a good one, is to make a contribution to the good government of the city. The other reason, and not a good one, appears to be the desire to get in position to sell supplies to the city or to assist some friend or associate to do so. The latter reason has been the cause of graft and mismanagement of many of the larger cities of our country, and it can have the same effect in smaller cities. When any citizen is solicited for his or her vote, it is safe for both voter and city to make inquiry concerning the reason why the candidate seeks an office that has little or no salary.

Lifted bodily from Sikeston's second newspaper. We recall that Editor Clint H. Denman, editor of The Sikeston Herald, held office as Councilman from Ward 4 two years ago. During that time he would accept no city printing, refused city advertisements consistently, and stated that he served merely that he might fulfill his patriotic duties as a citizen. We will now all join in eating a bowl of that luscious, practically seedless fruit, raspberries.

No woman ever takes another woman's advice about frocks. Certainly not. You don't ask the enemy how to win the war.

An announcement on the door of a church reads: "This is the House of God. This is the Gate of Heaven. This door is closed in winter on account of the drouths".

Since John B. Huffman left the editorship of Sikeston's second newspaper, that paper has carried few original paragraphs. Mr. Huffman's paper was anxiously looked forward to each week by a large clientele.

Purchaser (selecting a wedding gift): "Yes, I rather like that. What is the title?"

Picture Dealer: "The Coming Storm—it would make a splendid wedding present."

Yes, sir, if Al Smith is the Democratic nominee we'll vote for him one time anyway. He is the same honest man we have always believed him to be, and he certainly couldn't make such a botch job of running the Government as Hoover has. At least, he couldn't do any worse.

Credit bill sends stocks up three billion dollars, so say the headlines. That sounds fine and we hope to soon hear that some of these dollars get down to the man without work. This headline sort of sounds like paper profit that is hard to cash.

The Republican State Committee met in St. Louis Thursday and among other things, called on Governor Caulfield to clean up Democratic Kansas City election conditions. Not one word was said about Republican St. Louis election conditions. It certainly is too bad what a dad berned majority the Democrats has been rolling up in Kansas City.

See where Congress passed a 2-billion-dollar bill to relieve bankers' mistakes and lend to new industries. You can always count on us helping those who have lost part of their fortune but our whole history records nary a case where the loan was for the man who had absolutely nothing. Our theory is to help those who can get along even if they don't get it. Now here is a warning. All Europe is looking for us to do all the debt cancelling. So don't send delegates with hardened arteries as usual, but get some with hardened hearts, for those people are even rehearsing their crying now.—Will Rogers.

This country would starve to death if farmers should make no more effort than merchants do in times of adversity. The idea of trying to stimulate business does not appeal to them at all. In contrast to their inaction, the farmer is not only hitting the ball for all it is worth at present but is making his plans for the effort of his life when the time comes for plowing and planting. Last week 175 of them crowded into a small room in Paris for a discussion of ways and means to make their acres yield more.

Their faith in the future was fine and refreshing. Business would get better in the towns, we believe, if merchants would imitate their farmer friends. They would feel better if they would get together, as those farmers did, and discuss what to do to be saved.—Paris Appeal.

The country counties could save quite a bit of their taxes if they would begin at home. Combine the offices of recorder and circuit clerk, abolish the county physician and the trained nurse, do away with the truant officer, let the farm adviser farm for himself and see how he would make it, cut out the numerous school busses and let buddy walk or work, put the collector on a reasonable fee and pay for his bond. It would be surprising how much these recommendations would help the taxpayers, but we are doubtful if a single one of these suggestions will be carried out. If the millennium would appear around the corner, a lot of people would continue to gripe.

Fort Morgan, a thrifty little city of northern Colorado, has declared a dividend of one month's free electricity. The publicly owned power plant is making enough profits in eleven months to pay all needed costs for twelve. Therefore, having in mind that these are hard times, when every little bit helps, the City Council has decreed that no one need pay for electricity used in January. And Fort Morgan makes its current with coal, not from falling water; and already has one of the lowest rate schedules in the country. Try to imagine some "great-hearted" unit of the Power Trust remitting its bills for a month, on the ground that it had made all the money it needed in eleven months of the year '32. Don't try it. You wouldn't do such a thing without unlawful stimulants; and even then the strain might be fatal.

In the Senate at that time John J. Ingalls was the peer of all others in a sharp debate, and the only Senator who dared match steel with him was Geo. G. Vest of Missouri. For fine passages of oratory W. C. P. Breckinridge and Burke Cochran in the House were the peer of all others. Delilah trimmed Samson's hair and took his strength, so Madeline Pollard ruined Breckinridge when she sued him for seduction.

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Washington Sidelights—1887

(By Charles L. Blanton, Sr.)

For the benefit of a certain possum-eyed party, we'll say Senator James A. Reed was not a member of the United States Senate while the writer was running around Washington. At that time F. M. Cockrel and George G. Vest honored the State as their representatives, followed by Major Wm. Warner. Among the noted Senators in Washington during our first year in that city were Wade Hampton and Marion Butler of South Carolina, Morgan of Alabama, Coke of Texas, Isham G. Harris of Tennessee, Berry of Arkansas, John J. Ingalls of Kansas, Allison of Iowa, Voorhees of Indiana, Hoar of Massachusetts, Edmonds of New Hampshire, Evarts and David B. Hill of New York, Quay of Pennsylvania, Jno. W. Daniels and Gen. Eppa Hunton of Virginia, and other lesser lights. In the House were Richard P. Bland and W. J. Stone of Missouri, W. C. P. Breckinridge and John G. Carlisle of Kentucky, Crisp of Georgia, Samuel J. Randall of Pennsylvania, Holloman of Indiana, Burk Cochran of New York, John Sharp Williams of Mississippi, and Thos. B. Reed of Maine. Samuel J. Randall was Speaker of the House in 1887, was a high protection Democrat elected in a Republican district.

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fields. At this time all graves in National Cemeteries are given the same splendid care. The Federal Government confiscated the Lee home and grounds, but later paid a long price for the property rather than move all the bodies and place the grounds back in former condition.

The first election day we spent in the East was in Montgomery County, Maryland, at the home of Willoughby Moore. Soon after breakfast we took a walk out through the pine woods. We came to a cross fence after walking about one mile and sitting on top of the fence was a white man with a shot gun across his lap. About another mile we ran across another man sitting on a stump with a shot gun across his lap. Moore informed

us that both of those men were Democrats and that every miles from Point of Rocks at the Virginia border east to the Eastern Shore of Maryland was a Democrat with a shot gun and beginning at daylight, every hour until the polls closed, the man at Point of Rocks fired his gun, followed immediately by the next man until it reached across the State. This was to let the negroes know that it was safer for them to stay at home and work than to attempt to run the country.

Sedalia—New packing plant will be erected here by Crocker-Wallace Packing Co.

Flat River—Missouri Natural Co. moved their local office to new Phoenix building.

Breckenridge—Royal Neighbors acquires in Woodman Hall for meeting place.

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The gasoline tax you pay belongs to you, and you should get it back from your state in the form of good roads. When you buy bootleg gasoline, you pay all or a part of the tax, too—but the racketeer pockets the money. You never get it back! And remember—if your state received all the money paid as a gasoline tax, it could well afford to lower the gasoline tax!

Knowing this, you naturally don't want to buy any bootleg gasoline. To be sure the money you pay as tax goes to your state, buy only gasolines sold under dependable, familiar brand names, backed up by reliable companies who make sure the state gets the tax. By sticking to familiar, reliable brands, you'll help banish racketeers.

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Every entrant in the Yard and Garden Contest sponsored by the Sikeston Lions Club will be adding to the value of his property every time he does any permanent planting or beautification work in his yard according to an interview given out today by C. L. Malone, contest chairman, who said:

"Landscaping so increases the value of residential property that it is an extravagance not to plant the ground around a home. The value of property has been increased 35 per cent, and in some cases the landscaping cost has been only a fifth of the amount added to the sale price of a home."

"Good results in home grounds planting can be achieved at so low a cost as to be within the means of anyone who can afford a home. Numerous instances have been recorded where an investment of \$100 in effective planting has added \$500 to the sales price of the property. This data is taken from the report of President Hoover's Conference on Home Building and Home Ownership. The value of home grounds planting and beautification was the subject of particular investigation and study as one of the important divisions of the conference program."

The conference went into landscaping costs from the standpoint of the home maker of modest income, formulating the general principles of landscape planning and planting for small home grounds. Comfort and attractiveness of our homes are dependent to a large degree on their surroundings, according to the president's report.

Through its own investigations The Yard and Garden Contest Association of America has established the fact that every dollar wisely expended for trees and shrubbery was tripled in three years as an added value to the real estate so improved.

FARMER EXONERATED FOR SHOOTING MAN

Hayti, Mo., February 12.—John Dooley, farm tenant, yesterday was exonerated by a Coroner's jury in connection with the killing last Wednesday of McKinley Buck, 18, alleged chicken thief.

Aroused by noises emanating from the chicken coop, Dooley went to the rear door of his home and fired one shot into the darkness. An instant later a groan was heard.

Dooley, fearing the chicken thief might have an accomplice near by, went to the home of a neighbor and asked him to assist in the investigation. The neighbor complied, and, by the rays of a lantern, saw the body of his own son on the ground near the coop.

Fairview—Contract let for construction of about ten miles of chat highway from end of present highway, mile this side of city, to Granby corner.

"They Say" — Sez The Man About Town.

By Art L. Wallhausen

The following is donated, and being better than anything we can concoct, who not dish it up?

UNACCUSTOMED AS I AM

It seems that Japan is week-ending in China—

—and as some of our good Southeast Missourians drop in, uninvited to a Saturday night dance—

—bringing their own horsepistols.

A wonderful time will probably be enjoyed by the yellow originators of Wall Street. The Great Wall of China wasn't a manufacturer of fountain pens. If it hadn't been for Admiral Perry, we would probably have missed all the horrors of Fu Manchu.

The hardest battle in the Jap-Chino Mazurka for the sake of history will be recorded as the Battle of Press. In which the Scripps-Howard reserves fought nobly against the Hearst irregulars.

I find upon investigation that the restaurant racket has several sleights. One must not make his coffee too strong because it probably wouldn't pass for chili; hamburger meat must be made with quite a bit of bone left in it, as the noise of the bone on the teeth will sound like somebody smacking their lips; burnt cylinder oil plus coloring is passing for catsup. A complete booklet will be sent on application.

I have a friend who dunks—dunks his bread, doughnuts, ties and mustache—he also wears spats, carries a cane, and a heulva nerve.

—he was telling me one day that he was bothered with nightmares. I casually remarked that I wasn't bothered with such; he retorted that my halitosis * would keep them in the next county.

* Note: Unpleasant breath, other than one created by association with a flask.

"My bonnie lies over the ocean", sang the wife who had just talked from New York with her husband in London.

The League of Nations surely worked wonderfully in this Japanese performance. They should work like a revival meeting we've had with us for the last six months, they have prayer services once or twice every day to keep the lambs from straying between "preachin's".

Yours satirically,
J. BETH.

An old-time definition of the human body states that "the human anatomy is divided into three parts, the head, chest and body. The head consists of brains, if any; the chest contains two lungs and a bit of liver, and the body contains the five bowels, A. E. I. O. U."

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Sikeston Girls Play Charleston in the First Game of Scott-Mississippi Basketball Tourney, February 25-27

Two spirited, rival teams will take the court in the first game of the Scott-Mississippi County Girls' Basketball Tournament to be held in Charleston February 25, 26 and 27. Sikeston and the Bluejay team open the Thursday night session at 7 o'clock, according to a complete "time schedule" received Saturday from tournament officials.

The Association ruled that consolation games would be played by "first losers" only, affecting teams which drew byes in the first pairings.

To eliminate certain conflicts that might arise, the committee ruled, also, that the consolation bracket will be scheduled as follows:

Loser game 1 vs. Loser game 3
Loser game 2 vs. loser game 4
Loser game 5 vs. loser game 7
Loser game 6 vs. loser game 8

Admission will be 35¢ for each session except the final session at which admission charges of 50¢ each will be in effect. Children who are students of schools participating will be given an opportunity to purchase tickets for 25¢ per session, in advance.

Gib Hopper of Randles and Hugh May of East Prairie will be the referees for the tournament.

Thursday Night Session

Game 1—Sikeston vs. Charleston—7:00.

Game 2—Diehlstadt vs. Blodgett—8:00.

Game 3—Fornfelt vs. Chaffee—9:00.

Game 4—Illmo vs. Vanduser—10:00.

Friday Night Session

Game 5—Oran vs. Anniston—7:00.

Game 6—East Prairie vs. Winner game 1—8:00.

Game 7—Benton vs. Winner game 4—9:00.

Game 8—Morley vs. Winner game 5—10:00.

Saturday Morning Session

Game 9—Winner game 2 vs. Winner game 3—8:00.

Game A—Loser game 1 vs. loser game 3—9:00.

Game B—Loser game 2 vs. loser game 4—10:00.

Game C—Loser game 5 vs. loser game 7—11:00.

Game D—Loser game 6 vs. loser game 8—12:00.

Saturday Evening Session

Game 10—Winner game 6 vs. winner game 9—1:30.

Game 11—Winner game 7 vs. winner game 8—2:30.

it. I want to take it to the police station. I'll return it later". He got the bill. Sometime afterward the merchant telephoned the station about his \$20 and learned the police knew nothing about it. He had been worked by a pair of plausible crooks.

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We notice where Sikeston's second newspaper takes a veiled smack at Mayor Ed Fuchs, because the company he represents has furnished the city with supplies from time to time. This paper also says some people seek public office for patriotic purposes, while others for gain. We distinctly remember when this other editor was elected to the Board of Aldermen. One of his first official duties was to demand more of the city printing than he had been receiving, and in order to know just how much to demand, had the City Clerk go over the records for one year in order that he could find out just how much he had lost. He was desirous of a place on the School Board for the same purpose, and to fire the present superintendent and hire another more to his personal and business liking. It is true that a certain lumber concern has furnished a large portion of the supplies used by the city and for a mighty good reason. They always had the supplies in stock and frequently carried the accounts for six months or more. Patriotism!

The world is cautioned to go slow on a boycott of Japanese goods for fear of the fighting spirit of the Little Brown Folks. We'd hate to be the one to start a war with Japan, but if we have to do it, here goes. We intend to boycott all goods manufactured by the Japanese. There!

Missouri Democrats should instruct for Roosevelt for President, and not fool away their chances of the future with any favorite son. The favorite son business is a stall to let a bunch of politicians get together and trade for some man who might not be popular with the rank and file of the voters. Senator Reed hasn't a ghost of a show for the nomination and his desiring the honor of Missouri's endorsement would mean a trade at the Chicago convention with State patronage as the bait.

The Standard is running no man for Mayor or Councilman, but would be against any man who would not be back of the Municipal Light and Power Plant. Some few people have opposed the plant, the Board of Public Works, the Superintendent, and every councilman who favored the project. With the exception of possibly one councilman, every one of them has stood back of the proposition. Sikeston cannot afford to have opposition to the plant, unless it is intended to make it a failure. Personal reasons have kept some people from backing the plant, and these reasons should be respected. This plant will eventually pay for itself, pay for the water bonds, the sewer bonds, and make sufficient money to keep our city up to the highest point of efficiency.

In a debate on preparedness, conducted by well known speakers, each side produces nuts which are hard to crack. The pacifists state that "War cannot result in victory for any warring nation". According to the militarists, "If China were entirely prepared, she could not only have peace in Manchuria, but she would still own Manchuria". It will take quite a little mental effort to pull either statement to pieces.

Farmington—Progress being made on new postoffice building.

SOME HOT SHOTS FROM
THE MILAN STANDARD

How many old-timers can remember when girls made beautiful embroidered bookmarks for their boy friends?

An economic slump is like a postage stamp—you've got to lick it if you want to send it away.

Maybe the members of the younger generation don't want to catch up with happiness because they would then have no more fun in pursuing it.

We often wonder whatever became of the old-time housewives who occasionally made soda biscuits that looked as though they had the yellow jaundice?

When Uncle Andy Mellon puts on the higher income tax, don't kick at it. Console yourself with the thought that a lot of fellows wish they had a job so they could be paying one.

Japan doesn't seem to have any more respect for the League of Nations than a bootlegger has for the anti-Saloon League.

As a matter of fact, the men with the best educations are the ones who realize they still have a lot to learn.

Marriages may be made in heaven, but the bride and groom usually get down to earth in a short while.

This year's political platforms will not be made so much to stand on as to get in on.

Even if a husband were perfect that never would save him from a bawling out when his wife's nerves happened to be on edge.

Love is the only thing in the world that can make a woman make a man make a fool of himself.

When a battery is run down it may be made as good as new, but it is different with a pedestrian who is run down.

At any rate we can be thankful that the hens haven't shown any symptoms of joining the army of the unemployed.

It used to be that when a man was run down he would take a tonic, but now he takes the number of the car.

A napkin tucked into a shirt collar may be bad table manners but it has saved many a good necktie.

The man who likes to see a good race might try making his salary and his expenses run a dead heat.

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PITHY PARAGRAPHS FROM
SHELBYA DEMOCRAT

Make no mistakes about it—the world wants the best, even when it hesitates about paying for it.

Experience is what you get when you are looking for something else.

It's the good apple tree that has the most Clubs thrown at it.

What does it profit a man to have the initiative when his wife has the referendum?

The most unhealthy race in the world is the race to the railroad track.

Whatever you are—Be a good one. A man is like an egg, because it takes a woman to break him.

We grow when we are green. It's when we think we are ripe that we begin to get rotten.

Business goes where it is invited and abides where it is well treated.

The people who are blessed with good judgment are those who agree with us.

Every whistler has one appreciative listener.

If you are satisfied with what you haven't got—that's happiness.

Every failure will teach a man something if he will learn.

There's no limit to the good a man can do if he doesn't care who gets the credit.

There never was anything made but someone could make it worse and sell it for less.

The world was better when there were fewer billboards and more washboards.

We can't expect our customers to come in—Unless we put ourselves out.

The man who shows off the least, usually shows up best.

Are all fisherman liars, or are all liars fisherman?

What the youth of this country needs, is narrower pants and broader ideas.

It is better to go wrong occasionally than be eternally walking backwards.

The critic who begins with himself, will be to busy to take outside contracts.

Hunt for the good in the other fellow—he has to do the same in your case.

The March of Progress: Grandfather had a farm; father had a garden; son has a can opener.

Herr Neumann (returning home from his mother-in-law's funeral, as a tile falls on his head): "By Jove", she's soon got to heaven".—Berlin Illustrate.

"OUCH!"



THE EMPIRE OF THE AIR

WIRELESS WAR WORK

Although fourteen years had elapsed since Marconi announced that he had spanned the Atlantic, radio at the outbreak of the World War was still an imperfect instrument for long-distance communication. Till

then its most striking service to humanity had been its use by ships in distress at sea. While Great Britain, France and Germany had flirted with the idea of binding their dominions more closely by wireless, nothing tangible had issued from the dream and the supremacy of the submarine cable was as yet unchallenged.

Aside from the professional interest of army and navy men, the new marvel of science had remained a problem for the physicist in his laboratory and the amateur in his den. These amateurs were numerous, however. Some five thousand of them held licenses and, through their relay league, had exchanged messages across the country. Their work was useful to the experts and fitted many of the amateurs themselves for special service later in the war.

The everyday man thought little about wireless unless his newspaper played it up in a shipwreck or in the apprehension of Dr. Crippen. Its vast possibilities for greed and gain were disregarded. No apostle of big business saw millions in it. Even Owen D. Young, who was to become the father of the radio combine, has confessed his ignorance of the subject as late as the year after Europe took up murder on the scale of mass production.

The war changed all that. Here was an agency that could be employed in military operations. Could it be made more effective? The nations embroiled sought the help of the great electrical companies and, out of the researches and experiments thus stimulated, came finally the wonder-working jinn, potent for both good and evil, as we now know it. Our own military establishment

had not ignored wireless. The naval authorities had long followed its development. By 1915 the Navy had built man, shore stations and equipped all its vessels of every type. The Army had tested portable radio sets and by 1912 was operating thirty-six fixed stations and twenty-six ship stations.

When we joined the belligerents on foreign soil, however,

theory collided sharply with fact. The spark and wave transmission, which was thought to have done well enough during maneuvers on the Mexican border, proved impractical overseas and was scrapped for the vacuum-tube equipment of the French. The American Expeditionary Forces now mobilized experts and undertook researches which led among other results to improved communication with airplanes and tanks. All radio patents and stations in the United States and its possessions had, of course, passed under government control.

One of the most striking stories of wartime wireless deals with the outwitting of Germany by Great Britain.

Germany, with her cables to the outer world cut, relied on radio for communication with her fleet.

The English, instead of resorting to interference, carefully recorded the messages and in due time, through the sinking of a German cruiser and the recovery of its safe, obtained the code.

They also made effective use of the radio-compass and were able to plot the positions of enemy ships.

Radio brilliantly did its bit in the winning of the war. From the din and grime of the trenches to the more serene and hygienic atmosphere that developed General Headquarters, it played its part. If the fury of battle shattered the wires, radio filled the breach.

It directed artillery fire, the movements of soaring planes and wallowing tanks, intercepted hostile messages and signals and, not least important of its many services, spread propaganda which weakened the en-

emy's morale. That President Wilson's Fourteen Points made their way across the Hindenburg line to the German people through wireless is a matter of historic record.

This final dramatic achievement was made possible by an innovation in long-distance transmission. While the guns thundered in France, over here in the quiet of a laboratory Dr. E. F. W. Alexanderson of the General Electric staff had evolved his high-frequency alternator. This device, later rendered obsolete, was destined to do more than further military projects. It heralded a new era and changed the whole wireless situation. It opened a field for commercial exploitation without a parallel in the annals of American business. It led directly to the launching of the Radio Corporation of America.

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CHARLESTON MUSIC
CLUB ENTERTAINS

Charleston, February 13.—The Wednesday Morning Music Club met this week at the home of Mrs. James L. Byrd on North Main Street.

Mrs. C. L. Joslyn presided and conducted the business session. Mrs. G. W. Kirk was chairman for the program rendered. Her topic was "The Old and Modern English Song" and she gave a very interesting talk on the "History of the English Song", prior to the rendition of the following program:

Solo—Danny Boy, by Fred E. Weatherly—Mrs. Harley Nelson.

Solo—Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes, by Ben Jonson—Mrs. G. W. Kirk.

Duet—In the Gloaming, by Annie F. Harrison—Mrs. Harley Nelson and Mrs. Geo. W. Kirk.

Solo—Birds in the Night, by Arthur Sullivan—Mrs. Harley Nelson.

Solo—The Second Minuet, by Cecil Condry—Mrs. Geo. W. Kirk.

Duet—In the Garden of Tomorrow, by Jessie L. Deppen—Mrs. Geo. W. Kirk and Mrs. Harley Nelson.

Solo—Do You Know My Garden? by Hayden Wood—Mrs. Harley Nelson, Mrs. Tom Byrd accompanied.

At the conclusion of the program, Mrs. Jess Hall, by special request, rendered two vocal solos. Eighteen members and two visitors were in attendance to enjoy this splendid program.

PNEUMONIA PROVES FATAL
TO HUNTER LIMBAUGH

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon, 2:30 o'clock by Rev. J. F. E. Bates, pastor of the local Methodist church, for Hunter J. Limbaugh, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Limbaugh, who died Sunday following a brief illness from pneumonia. Services were conducted at the home 327 Dorothy Street, with interment in Sikeston City Cemetery, Dempster in charge.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Limbaugh and three children, Annabelle, Lillian Lee and Lester J. Limbaugh, Jr., survive. Mr. Limbaugh is chief mechanic of the Missouri State Highway Division 10 garage here.

The fishermen of Canada have learned the trick of catching eels by the use of a discarded stocking with a hole in the toe. A barrel contain-

ing a piece of pork or other bait has a hole in the bottom over which the big end of the stocking is secured, allowing it to float inside the barrel. The outfit is sunk to the bottom of the stream and the eel, after the bait, will find its way inside by means of the stocking, which offers a means of entrance but not of exit.

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Scarlet Fever is one of the most contagious of all contagious diseases, and while this is a mild form severe and fatal complications may result. In cases of exceptional mildness the rash may be scarcely perceptible, yet in the haemorrhagic form, death may take place on the second or third day. It may attack adults apparently in good health.

The County Health Officer has cards for the reporting of contagious diseases, and it is the duty of all physicians to report such disease to him. It is also the duty of any public spirited citizen to report any contagious disease if a physician is not in attendance.

We hope to

IN AND ABOUT TOWN

(By Mrs. C. M. Harris, Phone 581)

Miss Myra Tanner spent Friday night and Saturday with Mrs. Harold Hebbeler at Cape Girardeau.

Robert Higgins, Max Reed and Tris Marshall left Saturday by automobile for Los Angeles, Calif.

Mrs. Frank Shannon, who had been visiting in Tulsa, Okla., since before Christmas, was called home on account of the illness of her mother, Mrs. G. F. Pierce. Mrs. Shannon arrived home Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Duncan spent last week in Jackson with Mrs. Duncan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bowman. Jimmie Lee Goodwin, a nephew, who spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Duncan, returned home with them.

Mrs. Nellie Estes, who had been visiting in Chaffee, Cape Girardeau and Jackson the past few weeks, returned home Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Duncan, who spent the week-end in Jackson.

Marshall Duncan returned to his home in St. Louis last Friday, after a six weeks' stay in Sikeston.

Mrs. A. B. Carpenter returned to her home in Farmington Sunday, after a visit with her sister, Mrs. Dale Harness, and family.

Miss Wilma Ragains was able to resume her duties as teacher, Monday morning, after being absent since last Tuesday on account of sickness.

Mr. and Mrs. U. G. Ragains and family of Morley visited with their daughter and sister, Miss Wilma Ragains, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. O. G. McBeath of Memphis, Tenn., visited with her sister, Mrs. T. F. Henry, a short while Sunday afternoon, while enroute to her home.

The W. C. T. U. will meet Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. F. E. Mount. Mrs. Lizzie Ferrell will be assistant hostess. Mrs. T. F. Henry will be leader. It is hoped that all members will be present.

The Westway Club will meet Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Clarence Marshall.

A meeting of the W. B. A. guards will be held at the I. O. O. F. Hall Wednesday afternoon at 2 p.m. All members wishing to join the guard team are requested to be present. Mrs. Roy Wagner is captain of the guard team and this meeting is for the purpose of organizing the team.

Mrs. Jack Matthews was in Cape Girardeau last Saturday to see Miss Ella Ruth Fletcher, who is a patient in the Southeast Missouri Hospital.

The Ebert-Kreedy Missionary Society of the Methodist Church will meet with Mrs. J. H. Kreedy Thursday afternoon. Mrs. J. R. Sellards will assist Mrs. Kreedy in entertaining the Society.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sikes entertained the following from Cairo Saturday evening: Dr. and Mrs. Flint Bondurant, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Halliday and Mr. and Mrs. Allen McManus.



The Senior and Hi-Epworth Leagues of the Methodist church will go to Chaffee this evening (Tuesday) where they will attend a meeting of the Scott County Young Peoples' Union held at the Methodist church in that city.

J. R. Sellards was in St. Louis Friday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Scott, Mrs. Jewell Gentles and daughter, Patsy Ruth and Miss Millie Jones expect to go to Portageville Thursday evening, where they will visit with Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Harris and family.

Miss Lucy Bird returned to her home in Bird's Point Monday, after a visit with her aunt, Mrs. G. E. Daniels and family.

Miss Mildred Meyer went to Fredericktown, Sunday, where she was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ruckles. From Fredericktown, Miss Meyers went to St. Louis, where she will visit her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Hahn.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lemons and children of Jonesboro, Ill., visited with Mrs. Lemons' parents, Rev. and Mrs. F. E. Jones, last week-end.

Bertis Moore of Canalou was a Sikeston visitor Saturday.

Mrs. J. M. Lough, who has been with her daughter, Mrs. Gus Martin, expects to return to her home in Charleston the latter part of this week. Mrs. Lough suffered an injury to her home and has been with her daughter since the accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Martin visited with his mother, Mrs. Chas. Bogert, Sunday. They report Mrs. Bogert as improving.

Mrs. Nellie Atkinson, Mrs. Marvin Carroll, Mrs. Ben Carroll, Mrs. Gertrude Lee and Mrs. Harvey Morrison were in Cape Girardeau last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Carroll and son, W. L., visited with Mrs. Flavia Patterson in Morehouse, Sunday.

Mrs. M. E. Prouty returned Sunday from Matthews, where she had visited with her sister, Mrs. S. T. Burch, since Friday.

Tom Burch of Chicago came Sunday for a visit with his mother, Mrs. S. T. Burch, at Matthews.

The Sunday School Council of the Methodist church held its meeting at the church Monday evening.

Sergeant James L. Greer, U. S. A. Recruiting Officer, Poplar Bluff, Mo., was on business in Sikeston over the week-end, in interest of recruiting. From Sikeston he went to Charleson on a like mission.

Dorothy Stone of Cairo visited her brother, Henry Stone, manager of Piggy Wiggly Friday and Saturday. Mrs. Albert Stone and sons, Leonard and Carl, of Cairo came over Sunday night and Henry and Dorothy returned to Cairo with them.

Dorothy Stone of Cairo was a dinner guest Saturday of Lavinia Moll.

Mrs. R. A. Moll, Mrs. Ruth Malone and Miss Hyacinth Sheppard visited at the Mrs. Gustie Gockel home in Jackson Sunday afternoon.

P. H. Gross and son, Lyman, were in Memphis, Tenn., where they went to see about buying equipment for a butcher shop to be installed in their store on Greer Avenue.

MERCHANTS WILL ENTERTAIN SHOE FACTORY EMPLOYEES

The regular monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Baptist Ministers' Conference was held at the Chaffee Baptist church Monday. In connection with this conference a meeting of the ministers' wives was also held. Rev. and Mrs. Leslie Garrison, of the local Baptist church, were in attendance.

Ray Keith returned to his home in Washington, Ind., last Friday, after a visit with his brother, E. J. Keith, and family. E. J. Keith of Kewanee, another brother, returned home with him for a business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Hitchcock and children spent Sunday in Charleston with Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Atteberry.

Mrs. W. B. Hanner expects to go to Chicago this week for a visit with her daughters.

Mrs. Ichy Brown of Charleston entertained Sunday in honor of her husband's birthday with 1:00 o'clock dinner. Those from Sikeston attending were: Miss Lillian Kendall, Miss Lucille Kendall, Miss Tylene Kendall, Miss Vivian Jackson, Miss Mary Ferrell, Louis Flewelling, Wayne Reed, Ralph Potashnick and Jack Lancaster.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walker of East Prairie were in Sikeston and Matthews, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Young and children spent Saturday and Sunday in St. Louis.

Miss Maude Adams was in Dexter last Thursday evening, where she attended a Y. W. A. banquet at the home of Mrs. S. T. Cannon, the sponsor. This was the anniversary meeting of the Dexter Y. W. A. and also the 25th anniversary of the Southland's Y. W. A. There were fifteen present and four of the fifteen were charter members. Miss Adams is a charter member and was honored guest. A program was rendered by the Dexter members from 6:30 to 8:30, after which a radio program over the Shreveport, La., station was enjoyed. This program was given under the auspices of the Southland's Y. W. A. The color scheme was green and white and was also carried out in the refreshments.

The Y. W. A. of the First Baptist church will meet with Miss Dorothy Walker this evening (Tuesday). Miss Margaree Walton will be leader.

The Dorcas Class of the First Baptist Church entertained the Agoga Class with a Valentine party last Friday evening in the basement of the church. Twenty-five were present. Games was the feature of the evening after which refreshments were served. A very enjoyable evening was spent by all present. Mrs. Leslie Garrison is teacher of the Dorcas Class, while the Agoga Class is taught by Jack Johnson.

Mrs. Murray Klein, Mrs. A. A. Mayfield and Mrs. Jas. Matthews attended the funeral services of Mrs. Troy Gladish of Jackson held Monday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, at the home of her mother, Mrs. Gustie Gockel.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Welter returned from St. Louis Thursday evening. Mr. Welter attended the National and State Bakers' Convention from Monday to Thursday at the Hotel Jefferson, while Mrs. Welter, operator of the Elite Hat Shop here, purchased spring goods and gave styles the once over. Mrs. Iris Pickel Harrison, who will again be associated with the Hat Shop this season, assisted Mrs. Welter.

Mrs. F. E. Jones, who has been very sick the past three weeks, is thought to be a little improved.

Miss Nannabelle Wilson, who is confined to her home with scarlet fever, is thought to be better at this writing.

E. J. Keith is now able to be up and about his home.

Little Miss Ruth Evelyn Reed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Reed, is confined to her home with tonsilitis.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. Wm. Bergmann of Cape Girardeau is not so well as last reported.

Bridge Party February 23

The Eastern Star announces an Auction Bridge, Hotel Marshall on Tuesday evening, February 23, 7:30 o'clock. The public is invited. 2t-40.

Mesdames Scott Alexander of Charleston, Dave Thompson of Caruthersville and Jos. L. Matthews visited in Cape Girardeau Saturday.

Mrs. Tillman Anderson of Commerce was the guest of Judge and Mrs. Wallace Applegate, Friday.

Judge and Mrs. Wallace Applegate visited Wade Anderson Sunday, who is a patient in a Cairo Hospital, having suffered a broken leg.

Mrs. Dave Thompson of Caruthersville is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Joe L. Matthews and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Alexander of Charleston were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Matthews and family, Sunday.

Arnold Roth, district representative of the Equitable Life Assurance Company, left Monday morning for St. Louis, where he will remain for a ten-day "school of instruction".

In the Belgian Congo there are reported to be red gorillas so powerful that lions dare not inhabit the same regions.

Missouri State Highway Commission Honors Former Chief With Scroll of Honor

A hand-penned and decorated scroll, received this morning by C. D. Matthews, banker and former chairman of the Missouri State Highway Department from his former colleagues, who Friday night, this week, will entertain with a dance in the Armory from 9 until 12:30 o'clock. Any employee of the factory or guests of employees will be welcome to dance or merely look on as spectators. The Missouri Melody Makers, 7-piece Sikeston band, will furnish the music.

Resolution

WHEREAS, C. D. Matthews has been a member of the State Highway Department of Missouri since its inception in 1921, its Vice-Chairman from 1924 to 1926, its Chairman from 1926 to 1931, and

WHEREAS during all that time he has been firm and thorough in the performance of his duties, and a faithful servant of the State of Missouri, and

WHEREAS, during that time, over one hundred and eighty-three million dollars were judiciously and economically expended upon the State Highway System, and

WHEREAS, during his service as Chairman of the Commission, the confidence of the people of the State of Missouri has been expressed repeatedly in the State Highway Commission by voting additional funds for highway purposes, and by vesting added authority in the Commission by the people of the State and by the action of the General Assembly, and

and of his loyal, untiring, and fruitful efforts while serving as a member, Vice-Chairman and Chairman of this Commission.

Signed: W. F. Phares, Chairman R. S. Brownlee, vice-chairman E. E. Cramer, secretary; John W. Mather, chief counsel; T. H. Cutler, chief engineer; Charles Ferguson, member; H. A. Buehler, ex-official member.

LIONS CLUB KID PARTY SCORES BIG HIT

Lions Club members are dozens of non-club members enjoyed being kids again "just for a night", when the club sponsored a Kid Party at the Armory Friday night. Approximately 125 couples danced to music furnished by the "Missouri Melody Makers", and in that respect were delightfully surprised. The local musicians played for the first Lions Club dollar hop, and scored a hit then. Since that time the boys have added materially to their store of popular dance numbers, and performed like veterans.

Proceeds of the dance will go to defraying expenses of the annual Yard and Garden Contest, a Lions Club venture in city-wide beautification.

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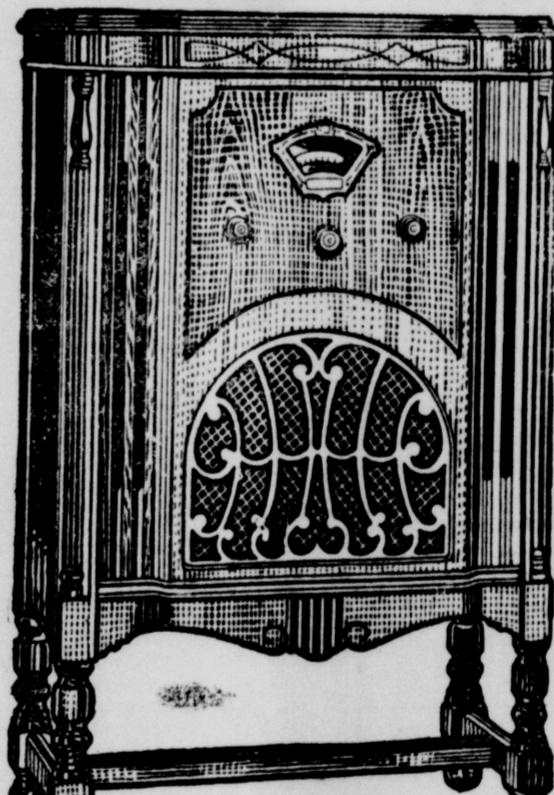
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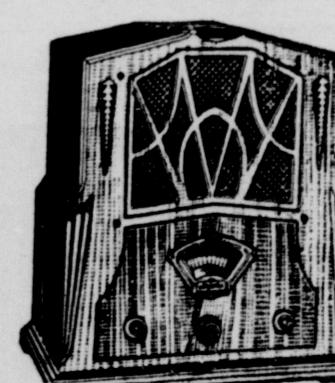
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LOCAL AND PERSONAL FROM CHARLESTON

Charles Stanfil spent Friday in Cairo.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy C. Robertson left Friday morning for Argonia, Kansas, where they were called by the death of Mr. Robertson's brother, Floyd Robertson, who died Wednesday night at his home in that city, following an illness of pneumonia.

Postmaster Lee Pemberton and Hon. George W. Kirk spent Friday in St. Louis.

Scout Executive Cecil Morrison and wife were in this city Thursday night to take part in the Boy Scout Anniversary meeting held at the high school auditorium.

Mrs. Jess Hall spent Wednesday and Thursday in Hickman, Ky.

All the prominent barbers of this County assembled at Stanfill's barber shop in this city, Wednesday evening and formed what is to be known as Mississippi County Barbers' Association. This Association will meet every month. The following officers were elected: President, George Steele of East Prairie; Secretary-Treasurer—C. H. Stanfill, Charleston; Chairman, A. S. Hopgood of East Prairie. Some twenty members were enrolled.

A delightful meeting of the Saturday Bridge Club was held Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Byron Howlett in her apartment on East Cypress Street. Bridge was played at seven tables. Prizes were won by Mrs. Bailey Wilkinson, Jr., Mrs. Tom Byrd and Mrs. Billy Love. The Club visitors were Mesdames Harzell Brock, Clifford Brown, A. J. Drinkwater, Jr., J. H. Marshall, Ernest Story, Ben More, Miles Lee, Frank Ashby, Oliver French, Earl Grojean, Garland Russell, Bernice Farmer, Ben Brewer, Ed Deal, Doss Lee, Billy Love, Buckner Ragsdale, Misses Ellen Love, Mary Lee Simpson, Addie Ponder, funded. ff-Adv.

Alice Lee, Grace Danforth, Frankie Whitehead and Louise Oggie.

TEMPERANCE DRAMA TO BE PRESENTED HERE

"The Harvest", a stirring, human interest drama of modern life, will be presented at the First Methodist Church, Friday evening, February 19, at 7:30 o'clock, with Attorney George Y. Hammond, author, and G. W. Crosby taking the prominent parts. The two men, who are from Topeka, Kansas, will be assisted by a number of local people.

The scene of action is a county prosecutor's office, with Mr. Hammond in the role of prosecuting attorney. Mr. Crosby will play the part of the father of a boy who is in jail facing a murder charge as the result of driving while intoxicated.

The Shimashi Geisha Association which controls the highest class group of geisha entertainers in Tokyo, Japan, has decided to establish a sort of gisha university, at which the entertainers will be trained in entertainment a bit more modern than that which their profession has specialized in for the last few centuries.

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Chapter V

WHAT HAS HAPPENED SO FAR
Reprimanded by his superior for carelessness in loading bombs on the wings of one of the planes of the carrier Saratoga in target practice, through the smartness of a new Chief Petty Officer Steve Nelson, Windy Riker, the leading C. P. O., knocks Nelson out cold. And when Steve refuses to introduce Windy to his girl, Windy hires a Panama dancing girl to put Steve in bad with Ann Mitchell by pretending that Steve has been living with her and has deserted her. Ann believes the girl's trumped up tale and leaves the island without waiting for Steve's explanation. Returning from flying the Admiral out to the Saratoga, Windy's commander, Griffin, is in an air-crash, but is extricated, still alive, by Windy and Steve from the wrecked plane.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY

* OUT OF THE SERVICE *

The twentieth of the month came at last and Windy was in his element, overseeing the final arrangements for the departure of Squadron No. 1 to the U.S.S. Saratoga. But a few days more and he would be in Panama; he would go to the Cafe Royale and see Mame; she would have cold beer for him up in her apartment; there would be old friends to greet. Perhaps he would marry Mame at once and come back as soon as his hitch was up to spend the rest of his days helping her run the cafe.

He went to his locker to see that

and men of Squadron One were formed in double ranks, the officers standing a little apart on the right of the line. They now stood at rigid attention. His skipper, with Duke Johnson at his side, approached and saluted them, then he stepped aside for Lieutenant Fisher who gave the command:

"Salute! Two!"
The two officers walked briskly forward to the center of the line, returning the salute. Griffin somewhat clumsily with his left hand. The vacant right sleeve was pinned to his chest. The lines in Griffin's pale and set face were deeply drawn, despite his grim determination to be pleasant. Windy took his place directly behind Griffin who drew a paper out of his pocket, shook it open and read:

"U. S. Naval Air Station
"San Diego, California."
"From:
Commander Carrier Divisions: U. S.
Fleet."
"To:
Lieutenant Commander John
Griffin."
"Subject:
Relieved Command Fighting Squad-
ron One."

"On the date on which your retire-
ment from the Naval service becomes
effective, you are hereby relieved of
command of Fighting Squadron One
Lieutenant D. W. Johnson, U. S. Navy
will assume command."
"JOHN EVANS,
"Rear Admiral, U. S. Navy."



"Riker," said Steve, "I'm glad to find out exactly who it was that double-crossed me with my girl."

"Commander Carrier Divisions
"U. S. Fleet."

Windy felt a strange and unaccustomed lump in his throat as he listened to that order retiring his skipper from the naval service. His face was slightly flushed and the veins in his neck stood out. He watched Griffin and Duke Johnson, who faced each other, and saluted simultaneously.

"Sir, I relieve you," said Johnson, and saluted again.

After he had returned the salute awkwardly, Griffin and Johnson shook hands cordially. Duke then motioned to Lieutenant Fisher who advanced and handed him a plush case.

"Jack," said Johnson in a voice that betrayed emotion, "this is a little remembrance from your pilots. They wanted to give you a little token of their esteem and affection."

Griffin snapped the lid of the case open with his left hand. The gift was a handsome gold cigarette case embossed with the regulation wings of the air service; below the wings was the high hat which was the insignia of the squadron. There was a few moments of silence in which Griffin seemed unable to find his voice.

"I need nothing to remember 'my pilots by,'" he said at length, "but I shall treasure their remembrance, and when I look at it recall their courage and loyalty."

Windy swallowed nervously as he advanced bearing the silver tray and the cocktail set, which Baldy had brought to him.

"Sir," began Windy, trying to remember his set speech, "in behalf of the enlisted men of the squadron, we—"

He stopped confused and embarrassed. He couldn't remember another word of the speech. He thrust the tray towards his skipper and said in his own natural voice: "Here you're, skipper! It's from your gang." He saluted smartly and stepped back to his place.

Griffin was having trouble in holding the tray with the shaker and the goblets on it. In his untrained left hand, and smiled his thanks as Duke Johnson took it from him.

Griffin squared his shoulders and faced the men of Squadron One.

"You men are in the grandest game in the world. We've been shipmates—" He turned and glanced at Windy who threw back his shoulders—"some of us for a long time . . ." "Thanks for your gifts. I'll use them often. You've got a new skipper now. Work for him as you have worked for me. I can't wish him better luck than that. Good luck, goodbye, and carry on!"

He turned quickly on his heel and started for the auto that awaited him, Johnson, bearing the tray, at his side, while the men held their salute. That lump came up in Windy's throat again and his eyes began to smart.

Johnson opened the car door for his former chief and while he was sliding under the wheel, placed the tray and cocktail shaker securely on the seat beside him. Griffin started the motor, then turned to his successor.

"So long, Duke."

"So long, Jack."

They shook hands. Johnson wanted to express his sympathy for Griffin.

the latter was afraid that he would and there was an awkward pause which Griffin broke by fumbling with the gears. But as Johnson stepped back from the car, Griffin spoke over his shoulder.

"Say, Duke—about old Windy . . . Give him all the breaks you can . . . His heart and soul are sort of bound up in the navy—in his job."

"Sure, Jack. I won't ride him, if that's what you mean."

Griffin nodded, started the automobile up with a jerk, for he still found it difficult to drive with but one hand, in spite of the hours he had devoted, since leaving the hospital, to practice.

The barge sounded Assembly, and Jack Griffin stopped his car a short distance further away for a last look at the field and the 200 airplanes drawn up in formation on the line, the men drawn up in front of the planes in precise double ranks. They were going out to the Saratoga to begin the trip to Panama, and he was out of it all. Never again would he ride in airplane No. 1 and give the orders to the ships of the Squadron: no more for him to ride the wind, pierce the clouds, cut off the eagle, dive sickeningly towards the earth from a tremendous height to drop bombs upon an imaginary enemy. If his country got into a war he would be out of it, unable to serve.

Jack Griffin was blue and miserable. He loved the service, loved his men. And then the 200 airplanes started off at once in a roar that sent his spirits skyrocketing. The taking off of a squadron of airplanes is a beautiful and inspiring sight, one that always thrilled him. He watched them rise into the air, his throat dry and aching; watched them swing back over the hangars in a single mass formation and pass over his head.

He saw an arm waving at him from the rear cockpit of one of the planes. It was Windy! He could just make him out. He took off his cap and waved it slowly, in farewell to Windy Riker, in farewell to the squadron he had once commanded.

And then he became aware of a gray roadster that came dashing across the bridge to the island. It drew up not far from his own car, and a beautiful young girl in gray sat there staring after the disappearing airplanes.

She waved a handkerchief feebly, then applied it to her eyes, trying to keep back the tears. She gave up trying after a time, leaned her head down on the steering wheel and wept.

"Have they all gone?" she asked.

"Yes, all except me," he answered, stopping his hand. "They're off on a cruise to Panama."

The airplane carrier Saratoga was heading south under full steam. In the C.P.O. berthing quarters, some of the men were busy stowing away their belongings, others were seeking their bunks, while still others were entering with their sea bags and ditty boxes. Steve Nelson sat on his bunk near the door, unpacking for the cruise. Windy and Baldy entered, dragging their sea bags, and began looking for their berths. Windy's was but two bunks away from Steve's and when he saw Steve unpacking he glared at him a moment indignantly, affronted at berthing so near to him. Then he began unpacking, took out the photo of Mame Kelsey and sought a place to hang it.

"It won't be long now, baby," he addressed the portrait, throwing it on his pillow to rummage in his pocket for a cigarette. His pocket was empty.

"Hi, Baldy! Break out a cigarette."

Baldy, two bunks further down the C.P.O. quarters, shook his head, indicating he was in the same predicament. Windy looked around for someone from whom he could borrow and saw Steve Nelson place a package of cigarettes on his bunk while he lit one. Windy stepped over to him and reached for the package. Just as Steve calmly picked it up and put it in his pocket.

"Come on, loosen up," said Windy, impatiently. "Gimme a cigarette."

"I wouldn't give you the tartar of my teeth," responded Steve, evenly, without looking up.

Windy stared at him a moment undecided whether to be amused or indignant at the rebuff. Then he laughed and assumed the minding carriage and voice of Lulu.

"Oh, Steve, so you're trying to give your sweet mama the run around" After all we've been to each other. When I trusted you so! Oh, Steve! You're breaking my heart!"

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Windy failed to get much satisfaction out of Steve's discomfiture, for the day was a sad one for him. His skipper, Lieutenant Commander Griffin, recovered from his injuries, but with his right arm gone, was leaving the service. There was to be a farewell ceremony, and it must be about time for it. He glanced at his watch and found he had but a few minutes to spare. He went out on the field and found the squadron planes in formation, with the sailors and mechanics drawn up in line. Baldy Barnes met him carrying a large bundle wrapped in brown paper. Windy's fingers trembled a little as he unwrapped the package and took out a silver tray. Baldy and Barrett unboxed some smaller packages containing a silver cocktail shaker and goblets which they placed silently upon the tray.

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Windy quickly set the tray down on the wing of an airplane. The officers

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Mata Hari, famous dancer and enemy spy, makes an innocent accomplice of a young Russian aviator, Alexander Rosanoff. In order to protect him from her former lover, Shubin, who is about to telephone Dubois, the head of the French Secret Service and involve Rosanoff, the dancer shoots Shubin. But Rosanoff comes to see the latter. The dancer persuades him not to enter and sends him on his flight to Russia with messages, admitting that she loves him. He is shot down. From her hiding-place, she hurries to him heedless of the threats of Adriana, guiding mind of the enemy operatives. Rosanoff is blind. Mata Hari promises to marry him and go away with him. But on leaving the hospital, she escapes an attempt on her life by one of Adriana's men only to come face to face with Dubois who arrests her as a spy.
NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY

COURTMARTIAL

The trial of Mata Hari took place at night in the courtroom of the Assizes and was conducted with the utmost secrecy by the members of the Third Courtmartial. The room was



Maitre Caron swore by her innocence.

large, the people allowed in it few. The defendant, her advocate, the prosecutor, the members of the Court, M. Dubois, and the guards. The lights high up glared upon the faces of the accused and accusing and left the rows of vacant benches stranded in shadow. Because of the weight of the evidence and names involved and the importance of not revealing the mechanism of the spy systems, the sentries outside were not permitted to approach the closed doors nearer than ten paces.

Dubois had begun his first examination of the dancer by demanding brusquely, "Tell me how long you have been in the German Secret Service." And when she had replied with equal curtness that she could not tell him that because she was not and never had been a spy, he had returned again and again to the attack, even calling her by the number with which she was identified in the German lists, "H 21. when did you first become a spy in the enemy's pay?" his animus had not sufficed to break her down.

But the methods of the prosecutor, prompted by Dubois, though more bland, were more businesslike and more concrete. He described to her transactions which she had undertaken and carried through, her actions as observed by the Allied secret service bureaus in various countries and asked her how she could explain these actions on any other count but that of her hidden occupation.

Wasn't it true that when she had been in Madrid, occupying a room in a hotel next to that of a German agent, the latter had wired to his colleague in Amsterdam for money to be paid to H 21?

"Yes," she answered without hesitation, even with a shade of hauteur. "I am not French. I have the right to have friends in other countries even among those at war with France. The German was my friend. I had need of money in Madrid and he offered me some. I do not know where he got it."

But why had he ordered it paid to H 21, which, declared the prosecutor, was known to be her official number.

"It is not known to me," she retorted. "And it is not my business if the German wished to get from his country the money with which to pay my debts."

Her counsel, Maitre Caron, an old and devoted friend, attempted to take her hand as evidence of his admiration and encouragement. She drew away from him, standing alone.

She was beautifully dressed—her maid had brought her clothes—and

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no whiter than usual and stood up very tall and slender. The days spent in a cell in St. Lazare since her arrest had not told on her in the least. When she spoke, in her alluring, low voice, she looked at the members of the courtmartial in turn out of those heavy-lidded eyes to which so many descriptions had been devoted. A number of the men had met her in the past, a few would have paid court to her if she had cared or so she believed. There was an unshakable assurance in her attitude, for in her heart of hearts, she could not for a moment credit any of them with a desire to be her enemy. Dubois, perhaps. No other of these men, no man, could care to see her die, no matter what she had done. And as Maitre Caron had pointed out time after time, there was no direct evidence against her on any count.

Maitre Caron, himself, swore by her innocence. The white-haired old man had almost wept in her cell to think that one so beautiful, so entrancing, so guiltless, should be subjected to the discomfort of even a few days in prison. He would save her. He insisted he could. All her friends would come to the rescue, too.

Nevertheless, as the questions became more specific, hemmed her in,

same reason—one or the other was jealous."

A sort of smile went around the courtroom. Only Dubois and Mata Hari remained sober.

"Colonel Shubin was jealous?"

"Yes . . ."

"With reason, perhaps?"

Another smile. Mata Hari's eyes narrowed and she threw back her head as if she were gratified by the success of her thrust.

Had she not on the morning of his death come to visit him in his office with papers on which she needed his help?

"I came to visit him in his office intending to make up our quarrel. I valued his friendship. I did not wish to lose it. Since M. Dubois had me searched there, he can doubtless inform you whether I had papers or not."

But, insisted the prosecutor without a sign of irritation, the attendant in Colonel Shubin's office now said that she had left a note on the Colonel's desk just before the search. And afterwards, she had asked for the letter back again. Why? If it were just an innocent message to the Colonel to say she had been in—and since she so valued his friendship she would wish him to know that she had sought, by this means, to renew it—why, in that case, had she retrieved the note?

It was his smoothness that gave Mata Hari pause, and Maitre Caron, too, accustomed to the tactics of the courtroom, sensed in this a warning. That particular kind of patience denotes the consciousness of strength in reserve, a hand not yet revealed an ace up the sleeve. It is the calm before the sudden storm which may wreck the ship.

Instead of answering the question by another sally aimed at Dubois, the dancer decided to treat it with apparent seriousness and candour.

"The letter I wrote to Colonel Shubin consisted of just a line or two saying I was sorry for last night and wished he would ring me up. There was nothing else in the envelope. After I was searched, the indignity made me angry. I felt that Colonel Shubin should take better care of his visitors; I decided he should really apologize to me, and as I knew the attendant would tell him I had called on an impulse, I took the note and went away. Surely, if it had contained anything serious, I would not have cared to walk around with it after a search."

"Where did you go after that?"

She knew that she was on treacherous ground here, and she answered with great care as close to the truth as possible. "As nearly as I can remember, I took a taxi in order to go to a hotel for lunch. Then it was such a pleasant day I decided to get out and walk. I walked for quite a while, thinking of some dances which I had in mind and I was so engrossed that I found I had long passed the hotel. I had something to eat in one of the cafes and hurried back to keep an engagement with my dressmaker."

"We have the statement of a taxi-driver to the effect that he drove you that morning to within a block of Colonel Shubin's house. He had seen you dance and recognized you."

It was a slight shock to her, and she faltered the least bit. How glad she was that she had walked from Shubin's house back to her car!

"It may have been so," she said after a moment. "I do not remember where I left the taxi. I did not notice."

After a few more questions in regard to letters found in the search of her house—all of which she explained with perfect calmness—the prosecutor sat back, and Maitre Caron rose to move for her acquittal on the ground of lack of direct evidence to show that she was a spy, had other than a friendly connection with Shubin or had even been in his house the day of his death.

With many gestures, now raising his voice impressively, now lowering it with a tremor of emotion, he begged them to believe that he was as loyal a Frenchman, as true a patriot as any of the members of the Court, he begged them to remember that he had practised his profession for forty-one years and had great deal of experience with crime. His client might have been driven to within a short distance of the Colonel's house that morning, an unfortunate coincidence which might befall the most innocent. But no one had seen her enter or leave and later she had kept an engagement with her dressmaker. These were not the actions of a guilty woman. His client had been "indiscreet—yes. Unmoral—yes. But a spy—no—a thousand times no! And guilty or so foul a crime as the shooting of a dear friend in, as the prosecutor had tried to prove, the pursuit of her nefarious business—never!"

"The chivalry of France cannot and will not sit on such slender, such unsupported evidence. Indeed such lack of evidence, brand a beautiful woman, a neutral subject and a great artist as a spy and a common criminal!"

The old man sat down, exhausted, and applied a handkerchief to his brow and to his eyes. The guards had been moved by his fervor, but the members of the Courtmartial stared at Mata Hari with blank faces and the dancer looked straight back at them as if challenging them with all the confidence of a clear conscience.

The prosecutor then nodded to Dubois, who stepped forward.

TOMORROW—Confession.

The**Kream of the Krop**

Bella and Blint H. Zilch have just heard of big news scoop!

[With Apologies to Luckie Strikes and Ballyhoo]

**TWO Unsolicited TESTIMONIALS
In One Week!**

Says Bella Zilch—

The Standard says that last year it sold \$150,000 worth of light plant to 6000 Biketonians. Nothing like an honest confession. However we had understood the Mairbanks-Forse company made the sale.

Blint H. Zilch says—

That's right, Bella, we read the Standard line by line each Monday nite. It lightens our work for the rest of the week.

**Certainly
WE read the Standard
EVERYBODY else does!
WHY shouldn't we?**



Intimate Pose of
Bella Zilch

**Did You Pay for These
Testimonials?**

"Aw, Nerts"—you know better than that neighbor!



**Blint H. Zilch in
Difficult Pose
"Aw, Nerts"**
chime in on the "Aw Nerts" hour any Thursday afternoon, interfamily broadcast on Mest Walone, ANY Thursday afternoon, 20 minutes after the Standard hits the street.

Famous Lines Oft Heard in Sikeston:

"Why the Standard had that last time."

Annual Boys' Cage Tourney Opens in Sikeston Next Monday Evening

Coaches of eight boys' basketball teams in the district have indicated that they will send representatives to the annual Washington's Birthday Tournament here, February 22 and 23.

Players, their positions and numbers are given herewith:

MATTHEWS NO. POS.

Wilmarth	15	F
Revelle	16	F
Patterson	12	F
King	17	C
Cantwell	18	G
Huls	13	G
McGill	20	F
Tetley	11	G
CANALOU NO. POS.	3	
B. Moore	4	
J. Newman	5	
H. Sims	6	
B. Sims	8	
C. McConaughay	9	
D. Alexander	2	
F. Summers	7	
A. Blankenship	1	
R. Spencer	10	
T. Shrum	11	
P. Smith	12	
C. Walden		
CHARLESTON A. Brown—8		
T. Bynum—6		
Joe Ellis—9		
E. Howard—3		
R. Lutz—10		
W. I. Parks—4		
K. Smith—1		
M. Wise—5		
WST. JOSEPH, CAIRO— Ray Stout—11		
Joe McNulty—12		
Boniface Fisher—13		
Bernard Langan—14		
Tom O'Kane—15		
James Pierceall—16		
Henry Walker—17		
Vincent Langan—18		
George Bland—19		
Jimmie Galligan—20		
MOREHOUSE— D. Cline—15		
G. Comer—10		
N. Crumpecker—6		
H. Harlin—5		
J. Headlee—90		
W. Proctor—9		
M. Shipman—22		
H. Usrey—30		
J. W. Wilkins—8		
F. Zillmer—11		
SIKESTON— Malone, f—2		
Engram, f—7		
Limbough, f—8		
Cunningham, c—5		
Moll, g—4		

CHARLESTON SPLITS DOUBLE HOOP BILL WITH CHAFFEE

Chaffee, Mo., February 12.—The girls' basketball team of the Charleston high school took a hard fought game from the Chaffee team here tonight by a score of 41-21. The game was close during the first three quarters, but the Lady Bluejays hit their stride during the last quarter and scored 20 points, while the Chaffee six was held to three points. Pemberton of Charleston scored 25 points for individual scoring honors. Marshall, her running mate, scored 16 points. Johnston of Chaffee scored 15 points.

The boys game was a different story. During the first half, Charleston only scored 5 points, while the Red Devils were scoring 16. The last half was a hard fought one, the Bluejays scoring ten points and Chaffee nine. Hopkins, Chaffee forward, scored 15 points to capture the individual scoring honors for the boys. Howle, Bluejay forward, led his team in scoring with 7 points. L. Williams of Chaffee scored 6 points.

Revelle of Delta was the referee. Score by quarters:

Girls':
Charleston 6 13 2 20 41
Chaffee 9 7 2 3 21
Boys':
Charleston 1 4 7 3 15
Chaffee 6 10 4 5 25

with the law liable the dam owners

Sharp, g—6
Mull, g—9
Watson, g-c—3

NEW MADRID—

C. Bock—11
O. Brown—9
L. Downie—13

L. Mast—10

W. Phillips—12

A. Riley—5

C. Cravens—7

J. Albach—8

DESLOGE—

James Blunt—6

Roy Brown—8

James Forshee—4

Pierce Gardner—9

William Gnadt—5

Clifford Jenkison—2

Weldon McGuire—10

Loral McNew—3

GEORGE BOONE

Morehouse, Mo., February 13.—George Boone of Morehouse died at his home Saturday, February 6, at 9:00 o'clock a.m., of a serious stomach disorder.

Mr. Boone was born February 9, 1862 in Davis County, Kentucky. He was married to Miss Viola Reeves of Owensboro, Ky., January 5, 1887. To this union five children were born, Hilary Boone of Jonesboro, Ark., Robert and Mrs. Glen Fisher of Morehouse and two children who died in infancy.

Mr. Boone had been engaged in the mercantile business in Morehouse for the past twenty-one years, and was active in business to within four weeks of his death.

No one who has passed from our midst has been more deeply mourned than he. Always ready to help those in need. He had a kind word and a ready smile for everyone. A constant friend, a kind and loving father and husband, an upright citizen. He will be missed by the entire community.

He leaves to mourn his passing, a widow, one daughter, two sons, a sister, four brothers and several grandchildren.

After a short service at the home Sunday morning, conducted by Rev. Self, of the Methodist church, the body was taken to Owensboro, Ky., and regular funeral services held in St. Paul's Catholic church, after which interment was made in the Catholic cemetery of that place.

Those who accompanied the family to Kentucky were Mrs. Jno. Meness, Mrs. Aaron Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. Galbraith Leming and John Parrish, who had charge of the funeral.

POWER COMPANIES PROVIDE FISH HATCHERIES

Eventually development companies operating in Missouri will provide for this State the nation's most important group of fish hatcheries as the result of a far-reaching legislative act now in force, John H. Ross, commissioner of the State game and fish department, points out. The bill which will create this huge hatchery system is one which requires development companies to build and maintain hatcheries for the State where power projects dam fishing streams.

The Union Electric Company already is at work constructing a \$40,000 hatchery on the shores of the Lake of the Ozarks. This hatchery will be made up of several ponds in which bass and other game fish will be propagated by the utilities company and distributed on applications received by the hatchery division of the State game and fish department.

Arrangements are now being made to construct and maintain hatcheries by two other power companies whose dams obstruct the free passage of fish in important fishing streams. Several other power companies already operating in Missouri are to do likewise and plans are now being made for immediate compliance with the new fish law. Failure to comply with the law liabiles the dam owners

to a maximum fine of \$300 a month. Only companies building dams with satisfactory fish ladders are exempt from providing hatcheries. However, of the several dams now on Missouri's streams there is but one believed to permit the free passage of fish upstream.

FARM ACCOUNTING CLUB TO MEET FEBRUARY 25

A farm accounting club is being organized in Scott County by Agent Furry. This club is being organized primarily of boys 14 to 21 years of age, but parents are also invited to attend. Some parents have agreed for their sons to join and expressed that they would like to join also. The record while the other will be used as "dummy" for practice work at the meeting. Records are to start as of March 1st.

The average man not only dreads to keep farm records, but often has difficulty in applying the completed farm records to his farm operations. The system that will be used will make it possible for analysis of farm operations.

A meeting is being called at the County Agent's office at Benton Thursday, February 25 at 7:30 o'clock. There will be two or three meetings at the beginning, one during the summer and three or four meetings at the end of the year. County Agent Furry will lead this club.

DON'T BEAR DOWN IF YOU WOULD HAVE YOUR AUTOMOBILE LAST

Chicago.—Speed comes high. The Chicago Motor Club has come to the conclusion, after an exhaustive investigation, that it may be safely said that a mile-a-minute in your automobile is from three to four times more expensive than when your speedometer says 40 to 45.

The conclusion was arrived at after checks made at various speeds. These results were cited:

Oil consumption at 55 miles per hour is seven times greater than it is at 30.

Tire wear at 50 is twice as much as at 40.

Gasoline consumption at 55 is one-fourth more than 30.

In addition there's the wear and tear on the car at the higher speeds.

HOW WOULD YOU PRONOUNCE WHANGPOO?

Here is the way educated Chinese, speaking the Mandarin dialect, pronounce geographical names in the Shanghai fighting area, the stress being practically the same on all syllables.

Whangpoo—As if spelled Whong-poo.

Hongkew—As if Hong-cue.

Chapei—Chah-pay.

Paoshan—Pow-shan.

Woosung—Woo-soong.

Shihzelin—She-zer-lin.

Shilungkow—Shee-loong-kow.

Liuho—Loo-huh.

Kiangwan—Kee-ang-wan.

Princeton—Construction progressing on waterworks system.

Political Announcements

CITY OF SIKESTON

For Mayor

We are authorized to announce N. E. Fuchs as a candidate for election to the office of Mayor of Sikeston at the April election, subject to the will of the voters.

We are authorized to announce C. F. Bruton as a candidate for election to the office of Mayor of Sikeston at the April election, subject to the will of the voters.

Police Judge

The Standard is authorized to announce the candidacy of Jos. W. Myers for police judge to succeed himself, subject to the will of the voters in the City Election, April 5.

Chief of Police

We are authorized to announce William M. Pate as a candidate for election to the office of Police Chief of Sikeston at the April election, subject to the will of the voters.

City Attorney

We are authorized to announce W. P. Wilkerson as a candidate for City Attorney of the City of Sikeston at the April election, subject to the will of the voters.

Collector

The Standard is authorized to announce the candidacy of Elmos Taylor for the position of Collector of Revenue in the City of Sikeston to succeed himself, subject to the will of the voters in the City election April 5.

Alderman Ward I

The Standard is authorized to announce W. L. Waggoner as candidate for Alderman in Ward 1, subject to the will of the voters in the City Election, April 5.

The Standard is authorized to announce E. E. Arthur candidate for alderman in Ward One, subject to the will of the voters at the City Election, April 5.

Alderman Ward II

The Standard is authorized to announce Hubert Boyer as candidate for Alderman in Ward 2, subject to the will of the voters in the City Election, April 5.

Alderman Ward III

The Standard is authorized to announce J. Otto Hahs for alderman of Ward Three, to succeed himself, subject to the will of the voters in the City Election, April 5.

Alderman Ward IV

The Standard is authorized to announce the candidacy of R. M. Houchins for Alderman in Ward 4 to succeed himself, subject to the will of the voters in the City election, April 5.

SCOTT COUNTY

Sheriff

The Standard is authorized to

announce Wade G. Anderson candidate for Sheriff of Scott County on the Democratic ticket, subject to the will of the voters in the August primary.

WASHINGTTON'S BEER RECIPE IS READ BY TYDINGS IN SENATE

In the Senate the other day Senator Tydings, Democrat, Maryland, read the following letter written by Senator Hawes, Democrat, Missouri, to Senator Bingham, Republican, Connecticut, who is the author of a bill to legalize 4 per cent beer.

"You, of course, are familiar with George Washington making each year large quantities of wine and distilling whisky which he not only used but sold, and undoubtedly on visits to Mount Vernon have viewed with some envy his silver pocket flask, the larger flask which he used on his saddle when horseback riding, and the third flask which he carried in his coach.

"Possibly you do not possess a copy of his famous recipe for making beer, written in his own handwriting as follows:

"Take a large sifter full of bran hops to your taste. Boil these three hours, then strain out 30 gallons into a cooler. Put in three gallons molasses while the beer is scalding hot, or rather, draw the molasses into the cooler and strain the beer on it while boiling hot. Let this stand till it is little more than blood warm, then put in a quart of yeast. If the weather is very cold cover it over with a blanket and let it work in the cooler 24 hours, then put it into the cask. Leave the bung open until it is almost done working. Bottle it that day when it was brewed.

"You may derive some personal benefit and satisfaction in experimenting with this recipe in addition to calling it to public attention."

In a defense of air traffic it is stated that it is four times safer today than it was three years ago. In 1930 the likelihood of an accidental death among airplane passengers was figured as one in 1,700, whereas in 1928 it was reduced to one in 4,000. The improvement is due to the distribution of weather information and the superior construction of the machines.

FOR RENT—Furnished room, steam heat. Phone 315. tf.

FOR SALE—Hospital bed.—Rev. W. H. Hoover, Sikeston, Mo. Call at McElroy's Store, pd.

FOR RENT—Rooms for housekeeping.—805 North Kingshighway, tf-38.

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms. Call 104. 2t-39.

LOST—Red Parker Duofold pen, Sunday, near Frisco station. Finder please notify J. A. LaFont, or Standard office. Reward. tf-39. pd

Stock Market Slumps Again

Profit taking on the New York stock market Monday morning following on the heels of last week's "prosperity" boom, was felt in sharp declines in most leaders according to press reports Monday afternoon. The market was credited with a three-billion dollar rise last week-end.

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Legion Airport Assured

FARMERS TO GET \$50,000,000 FOR CROP LOANS IN 1932 SAYS REPORT FROM CONGRESSMAN FULBRIGHT

Congressman J. F. Fulbright of this district submits the following statement relative to regulations of the Department of Agriculture concerning crop loans:

Under a recent Act of Congress, fifty million dollars is made available to the Secretary of Agriculture to be loaned to farmers who are unable to obtain loans for crop production during the year 1932.

The application for the loan shall be made upon a form prescribed by the Secretary. No applicant shall receive more than four hundred dollars. The total amount of loans to the tenants of any one landowner in a single county, shall not exceed sixteen hundred dollars. Amounts loaned for feed for work stock shall not exceed \$15 per animal.

The applicant must have operated a farm in 1931, and must have no other means of livelihood. No loans will be made for a total acreage of crops in excess of that planted by the borrower in the Spring of 1931. No

loans will be made for the purchase of livestock or the feeding of live stock other than work stock used in crop production. No loan will be made to an individual or to the tenants or share croppers of any landlord to finance or assist in financing the planting of an acreage of cotton or tobacco in excess of 65 per cent of the acreage of such crops planted by such individual or by the tenants or share croppers of such landlord in the Spring of 1931. Provided that the foregoing shall not apply to the farmer, tenant or share cropper, who in 1931 planted no more than ten acres of cotton or three acres of tobacco. All applicants must agree to plant a garden for home use and a sufficient acreage of feed crops to supply feed for their livestock.

Loans will be made through agencies in the various counties in the same manner as in 1931.

A more complete and detailed statement of regulations and procedure will soon be published by the Department of Agriculture.

County and City Health Officers Warn Against Scarlet Fever Epidemic

Dr. U. P. Haw, County Health Officer, and Dr. G. W. Presnell, City Health Officer here, decided after a conference Friday to warn physicians about reporting cases of scarlet fever in the City and County. Several cases, it is alleged, had not been reported to City Health Officials and were not quarantined.

Health reports from the County show that the disease is prevalent in the county, and is present in mild epidemic form in Sikeston. The statement in part continues:

"We take this means of notifying the public that this is a very contagious and very dangerous disease, and a rigid quarantine should be maintained in all cases, whether mild or severe. This applies not only to persons having the disease, but also to all persons who have not had the disease but have come in contact with it. These persons should be

quarantined for a period of seven days from the date of the last contact. Those with the disease should be quarantined for twenty-eight days. The sale of all foodstuffs and milk should be strictly prohibited from all homes where scarlet fever is known to be.

Scarlet Fever is one of the most contagious of all contagious diseases, and while this is a mild form, severe and fatal complications may result. In cases of exceptional mildness the rash may be scarcely perceptible, yet in the hemorrhagic form, death may take place on the second or third day. It may attack adults apparently in good health.

We hope to have the co-operation of every physician in the county in suppressing this disease.

DR. U. P. HAW,
County Health Officer
DR. G. W. PRESNELL,
City Health Officer

Councilman Houchins Suggests Eliminating Merchants' Tax Instead of Light Rate Cut

A rather different view of the current problem of cutting light rates, and the age old problem of merchant taxes is voiced in a signed article by R. H. Houchins, councilman from Ward 4. Certain interests in the city backed more or less by a local newspaper have aroused dissatisfaction over existing light and power rates, although every promise made during the contest for a municipally owned plant has been kept to the letter, especially as affecting rates charged for service.

In the following article Councilman Houchins, who is a candidate for re-election to the Board of Alderman in the spring election, sets forth pertinent facts relative to the bonded debt of the city, and the year-by-year drain on city resources to meet interest payments. His solution is contained in the articles headed "Should We Reduce the Rate?"

There are a few persons in our city, who are advocating a reduction of light rates. If that is best for the city I am for it; if not, I am opposed to such a move.

At the present time we have a fund, ten cents on the hundred dol-

bonded debt of two hundred and fifty nine thousand dollars, as follows:

Waterbonds, \$12,000 @ 5%... \$ 600
Street bonds, \$4,000 @ 5%.... 200
Fire Bonds, \$17,000 @ 6%.... 1020
Sewer bonds, \$76,000 @ 5%.... 3800
Light bonds, \$150,000 @ 5½%... 8250

\$259,000 \$13,870

The annual interest charge is therefore \$13,870, and in order to meet this interest, we have a sinking fund of sixty cents on the one hundred dollar valuation in the city.

The regular city tax is only fifty cents on the hundred dollars making a total tax of \$1.10 the present rate.

In addition, business houses have an occupation tax, or "merchants' license tax" which is very distasteful to many. With these facts in mind, it might be good judgment and good business to let the tax rate, and light rate remain as it is, and abolish first of all this occupation tax the first of next July. After that the bonded debt should be reduced as rapidly as possible, thereby reducing our interest charges, and as soon as the latter would justify, reduce the sinking

rate.

South St. Louis—Plans approved for alterations and enlargement of space in South Side of National Bank building.

Norwood—Elmer E. Raney moved his stock of groceries, meats and fruits to south room of bank building.

valuation which would equal one-eleventh of the total city tax.

In conclusion, permit me to say with the present light rate, we would be able to pay our bonds as fast as they become due, reduce our interest taxes, improve streets, extend water and sewer systems without an extra cent of tax to citizens. The electricity we use would do all this, then why reduce rates? Better let well enough alone.

Your for Sikeston,
R. M. HOUCHINS

HOPE EDWARDS ARRIVES

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Edwards of Matthews Avenue, announce the arrival of their daughter, Hope, born Saturday night, February 13. Mother and child are getting along fine.

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Norwood—Elmer E. Raney moved his stock of groceries, meats and fruits to south room of bank building.

Greener's Store
LOCKED UP MONDAY

CANDIDATE FOR SHERIFF BREAKS LEG FRIDAY

Greener's Store is no more. Tom Baty, manager of the general merchandise store, received his instructions Monday morning to complete inventory and to ship any remaining stock to headquarters in Memphis, Tenn., winding up a selling-out sale which has been in progress for the past three weeks.

The local store has been a retail outlet here for the Memphis wholesale house for the past five years. No reason has been assigned by the main office for the recent decision to close up the local store.

Mr. Baty, who has been manager since the opening of the store here, and five employees will be thrown out of work.

MUNICIPAL PLANT CLEARS \$77,000 AT COLUMBIA MO.

Columbia, Mo., February 12.—A \$77,000 surplus for 1931 that remained after the municipal water and light plant spent \$148,000 for improvements has increased the plant's surplus fund to \$200,000, A. D. Donner, superintendent of the plant since 1924, said today.

Furthermore, Donner said, the plant paid a payroll totaling \$86,200 and for coal bought from two Columbia mines that also totaled \$86,000. The city's general revenue fund has been loaned \$40,000, in addition, until city taxes are collected. Donner estimates that the street lighting and water furnished the city would have cost, at the very lowest estimate, \$50,000, if purchased from a utility.

The surplus, drawing 2½ per cent interest in the bank, can be used as only the City Council, or a vote of the people, directs. An election will be held this March to decide whether Columbia will use some of the amount for a city hall.

Rates Reduced Recently

A few days ago the City Council ordered a reduction in the electric light rates from 7 cents a kilowatt hour for the first 30 hours to 6 cents. The other rates, 5 for the next 30 hours and 3½ for all over the first 60, were not changed. These rates are also given for stores and business houses.

The plant is now valued at \$2,250,000.

The State Public Service Commission today dismissed complaint of citizens of Columbia against charges for electricity. The dismissal followed a Supreme Court decision holding the commission has no authority over municipal electrical system.

Hard Water

In regard to using money from the surplus to buy equipment to soften the water, which is hard to use for laundry and bathing purposes, Donner said the cost would run around \$120,000, which he regarded as an excessive cost for the result attained.

"Ninety per cent of the water is used for purposes other than those that would benefit from softening of the water," Donner said.

It has been reported in the past that much criticism of the plant has come from certain persons solely because equipment has not been purchased for softening the water.—Post-Dispatch.

Since the rate proposition is mentioned in the Columbia story, a bill for 75 KWH was figured at the local residential rate. A Sikeston customer would pay \$4.05 for 75 KWH while his Columbia resident would pay \$4.13. A similar bill paid to the Union Electric Company, St. Louis, estimating the cost on a 5-room house basis would cost \$3.90. One sub-station of the Union Electric, however, would supply electricity to more customers than are available in all Sikeston.

The Sikeston Standard \$2 per year

Lease Signed Monday for 80-acre Tract on Highway 61 One Mile South of City

Night School May Be Held If Demanded

The long-heralded American Legion Airport, scheduled for definite attention this year, is on its way to becoming a reality, following a committee meeting Monday morning with Jos. L. Matthews and Harry Smith, at which a lease was signed turning over to the Henry Meldrum Post an 80-acre tract of land just east of the Highway "Y" station, one mile south of Sikeston for the purpose of establishing an airport.

The committee consisting of Art Sensenbaugh, chairman, and members Loomis Mayfield, Earl Johnson, H. E. Dudley and Lyle Malone agreed on all major particulars with the landowners, and a lease is being drafted now.

The committee has made plans to contact government and private air transport companies to have the field properly identified on all air maps.

It is the plan of the Legion com-

mittee eventually to have not only a

first class, lighted airport, but to

have ground available for a baseball

diamond and grandstand, and for

carnivals and any circus which may

wish to show here. As a matter of

fact a carnival has been booked for

showing here this spring, for a cash

guarantee consideration, of course,

for in that manner is the project to

be financed for the time being. Plans

also call for a monster Fourth of July

celebration, and an air circus.

The experience of other Legion-operated

airports shows that the venture is not

self-sustaining purely from revenue

derived from hangar rentals, etc.,

necessitating either a subsidy, or fi-

nancing through other means such as

those mentioned.

Since the Sikeston realty company

has ruled thumbs down on baseball,

local players and fans have been

without their favorite summer sport.

With the advent of the airport idea,

together with Legion backing, a

grandstand and diamond, is again a

live topic.

General Good Time Promised Legionnaires Who Attend Clayton Round-Up Feb. 20-21

Legionnaires and members of the American Legion Auxiliary, who journey to Clayton Saturday and Sunday, February 20 and 21, are assured by the committee on entertainments that dull moments will be few and far between at this particular round-up. The get-together is being promoted for the purpose of advertising the American Legion and its

purposes in St. Louis County. Visiting Legionnaires are to meet those of St. Louis County, swap ideas for the good of the organization, hear speakers of the National reputation, and if possible, build up or propose legislative programs for the benefit of ex-service men, his family, widow or orphans.

The program in detail for the two-day session follows:

Saturday, February 20—Registration—All ex-service men, ex-service women, wives of veterans, other Auxiliary members at 6 and S. Central Ave., Clayton, Mo.

Hotels (West End Location) Forrest Park Hotel. Special rate: \$1.50

a day; double rooms and large suites for 3 in room at above rate. Entire 7th floor reserved for bachelors, 80 other rooms, double, reserved for ex-service men and their wives. Reservation for rooms and stag banquet may be made direct to P. B. Paine, Mgr. Forrest Park Hotel. (Former

member Royal Flying Corps).

Down-Town location—Jefferson Hotel. Special rates \$2 a day and up.

American and Meramec, Central Presbyterian, 862 Hanley Rd.

Sight seeing tour—10:00 a. m.

Jefferson Memorial and points of interest.

Joint parade, 12:30—Bands, drum

and bugle corps, ladies' auxiliary, ex-

service men, ex-service women, Legion Posts, Spanish-American War Veterans, Disabled veterans, veterans

of Foreign Wars, Marine Corps League, Second Div. Ass'n. Boy and Girl Scouts.

Speakers at high school, 1 p. m.—

H. C. Blanton, D. Nee, H. Castlen, J.

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Brennan, Geo. Fiske, E. R. Proctor,

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men, veterans wives

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WHY RUN FOR OFFICE.

Now that the campaign for office in various cities is under way, there seems to be two well defined reasons for wanting these offices, most of which are without considerable salaries. One reason, and a good one, is to make a contribution to the good government of the city. The other reason, and not a good one, appears to be the desire to get in position to sell supplies to the city or to assist some friend or associate to do so. The latter reason has been the cause of graft and mismanagement of many of the larger cities of our country, and it can have the same effect in smaller cities. When any citizen is solicited for his or her vote, it is safe for both voter and city to make inquiry concerning the reason why the candidate seeks an office that has little or no salary.

Lifted bodily from Sikeston's second newspaper. We recall that Editor Clint H. Denman, editor of The Sikeston Herald, held office as Councilman from Ward 4 two years ago. During that time he would accept no city printing, refused city advertisements consistently, and stated that he served merely that he might fulfill his patriotic duties as a citizen. We will now all join in eating a bowl of that luscious, practically seedless fruit, raspberries.

No woman ever takes another woman's advice about frocks. Certainly not. You don't ask the enemy how to win the war.

An announcement on the door of a church reads: "This is the House of God. This is the Gate of Heaven. This door is closed in winter on account of the drouths".

Since John B. Huffman left the editorship of Sikeston's second newspaper, that paper has carried few original paragraphs. Mr. Huffman's paper was anxiously looked forward to each week by a large clientele.

Purchaser (selecting a wedding gift): "Yes, I rather like that. What is the title?"

Picture Dealer: "The Coming Storm"—it would make a splendid wedding present."

Yes, sir, if Al Smith is the Democratic nominee we'll vote for him one time anyway. He is the same honest man we have always believed him to be, and he certainly couldn't make such a botch job of running the Government as Hoover has. At least, he couldn't do any worse.

Credit bill sends stocks up three billion dollars, so say the headlines. That sounds fine and we hope to soon hear that some of these dollars get down to the man without work. This headline sort of sounds like paper profit that is hard to cash.

The Republican State Committee met in St. Louis Thursday and among other things, called on Governor Caulfield to clean up Democratic Kansas City election conditions. Not one word was said about Republican St. Louis election conditions. It certainly is too bad what a dad benned majority the Democrats has been rolling up in Kansas City.

See where Congress passed a 2-billion-dollar bill to relieve bankers' mistakes and lend to new industries. You can always count on us helping those who have lost part of their fortune but our whole history records many a case where the loan was for the man who had absolutely nothing. Our theory is to help those who can get along even if they don't get it. Now here is a warning. All Europe is looking for us to do all the debt cancelling. So don't send delegates with hardened arteries as usual, but get some with hardened hearts, for those people are even rehearsing their crying now.—Will Rogers.

This country would starve to death if farmers should make no more effort than merchants do in times of adversity. The idea of trying to stimulate business does not appeal to them at all. In contrast to their inaction, the farmer is not only hitting the ball for all it is worth at present but is making his plans for the effort of his life when the time comes for plowing and planting. Last week 175 of them crowded into a small room in Paris for a discussion of ways and means to make their acres yield more.

Their faith in the future was fine and refreshing. Business would get better in the towns, we believe, if merchants would imitate their farmer friends. They would feel better if they would get together, as those farmers did, and discuss what to do to be saved.—Paris Appeal.

The country counties could save quite a bit of their taxes if they would begin at home. Combine the offices of recorder and circuit clerk, abolish the county physician and the trained nurse, do away with the truant officer, let the farm adviser farm for himself and see how he would make it, cut out the numerous school busses and let buddy walk or work, put the collector on a reasonable fee and pay for his bond. It would be surprising how much these recommendations would help the taxpayers, but we are doubtful if a single one of these suggestions will be carried out. If the millennium would appear around the corner, a lot of people would continue to gripe.

Fort Morgan, a thrifty little city of northern Colorado, has declared a dividend of one month's free electricity. The publicly owned power plant is making enough profits in eleven months to pay all needed costs for twelve. Wherefore, having in mind that these are hard times, when every little bit helps, the City Council has decreed that no one need pay for electricity used in January. And Fort Morgan makes its current with coal, not from falling water; and already has one of the lowest rate schedules in the country. Try to imagine some "great-hearted" unit of the Power Trust remitting its bills for a month, on the ground that it had made all the money it needed in eleven months of the year '32. Don't try it. You wouldn't do such a thing without unlawful stimulants; and even then the strain might be fatal.

A number of newspapers apparently have tried to make a mountain out of a mole hill with regard to Al Smith's recent declaration that he would, if wanted, become a candidate for president. As a matter of fact, Mr. Smith never intimated that he is a candidate or ever would be, but on the other hand he said plainly that he would not turn his hand to secure the nomination or to prevent any other person from securing it. Yet many newspapers have read into his statement dire trouble for the Democratic party, a disposition of Smith to be a dog in the manger and particularly that he has his head set to prevent Roosevelt from becoming the nominee. The wish evidently has been father to the thought, for Smith has done or said nothing which can be construed as inimical to the success of the party this fall or unfavorable to Roosevelt or any other man's aspirations. A number of newspapers and politicians will be badly disappointed if the Democrats preserve peace and harmony in their ranks this year, for this is exactly what they are afraid will happen.—Caruthersville Democrat.

The butter had refused to form, So with an angry gleam In both her eyes the dairy maid Got mad and whipped the cream.—Swiped.

Highway Patrolmen are finding it somewhat troublesome to get motorists to properly display their State license tags, due to the fact that many auto owners place their tags where they are partly covered by the bumpers or other accessories on the cars, and in many instances cars have been stopped by Patrolmen for not carrying license when the cars really did carry tags, but could not be seen. Motorists should place their license tags where they are easily distinguishable and should keep the tags as free from dirt and grease as is possible to do so.

The first wolf taken in the State-Federal campaign of predatory animal control in Missouri was a ninety-pound killer caught near Steelville. There are now six trappers operating in this State as the result of a co-operative agreement between the Missouri game and fish department and the United States Department of Agriculture. While Missouri is furnishing one-half the expenses of the control work, the federal trappers are directing the activities. Persons desiring to report the wolf damage should write to the Federal Predatory Animal Control Bureau at Oklahoma City.

Mrs. Dudy Beaumont, a widow with six children, has the distinction of being the only woman governor within the British empire possessing full administrative powers. She holds the title of the Dame of Sark, ruling the Island of Sark, which consists of fewer than 300 acres with a population of approximately 600.

Washington Sidelights—1887

(By Charles L. Blanton, Sr.)

For the benefit of a certain possum-eyed party, we'll say Senator James A. Reed was not a member of the United States Senate while the writer was running around Washington. At that time F. M. Cockerell and George G. Vest honored the State as their representatives, followed by Major Wm. Warner. Among the noted Senators in Washington during our first years in that city were Wade Hampton and Marion Butler of South Carolina, Morgan of Alabama, Coke of Texas, Isham G. Harris of Tennessee, Berry of Arkansas, John J. Ingalls of Kansas, Allison of Iowa, Voorhees of Indiana, Hoar of Massachusetts, Edmonds of New Hampshire, Evarts and David B. Hill of New York, Quay of Pennsylvania, Jno. W. Daniels and Gen. Eppa Hunton of Virginia, and other lesser lights. In the House were Richard P. Bland and W. J. Stone of Missouri, W. C. P. Breckinridge and John G. Carlisle of Kentucky, Crisp of Georgia, Samuel J. Randall of Pennsylvania, Holloman of Indiana, Burk Cochran of New York, John Sharp Williams of Mississippi, and Thos. B. Reed of Maine. Samuel J. Randall was Speaker of the House in 1887, was a high protection Democrat elected in a Republican district.

In the Senate at that time John J. Ingalls was the peer of all others in a sharp debate, and the only Senator who dared match steel with him was Geo. G. Vest of Missouri. For fine passages of oratory W. C. P. Breckinridge and Burke Cochran in the House were the peer of all others. Delilah trimmed Samson's hair and took his strength, so Madeline Pollard ruined Breckinridge when she sued him for seduction.

The outstanding character in the House during our entire stay in Washington, was "Howdy" Martin of Texas. He had been a Confederate soldier, was a bad man after the war, and his admirers sent him to Congress as a reward of merit. It was said he could neither read or write. The city papers and press gallery correspondents printed the stories to wait a minute, that the damndest my down because it refused to speak to him, that he set his watch by the cash register in street cars, and the like. He got the floor one day and shook a big hooked pruning knife at the members of the gallery and told them the next one who printed the stories about him could expect his knife in their guts. The stories stopped. When Thomas B. Reed was speaker, House members frequently rushed toward the Speaker's desk protesting his rulings. It was then Martin had to be watched as he would get out his big knife and rush toward the speaker with the blade open. He said he was not a speaker, but if he was needed, he would be there.

Champ Clark landed in Washington to take the oath as a Congressman one of the coldest days of the winter. After supper we happened in the National Hotel the evening he arrived. Having known him when he was making temperance speeches in Monroe County, we walked over to where he was sitting and spoke to him. We soon saw that he was overcome by the heat or something, and he asked us to walk with him up the Avenue in the cold sleet and snow. A walk of nine blocks and return, let the statesman regain his composure and the next day he was on the payroll. Champ Clark was our friend to the day of his death. He was one of the most popular speakers of the House in the last half century.

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fields. At this time all graves in National Cemeteries are given the same splendid care. The Federal Government confiscated the Lee home and grounds, but later paid a long price for the property rather than move all the bodies and place the grounds back in former condition.

The first election day we spent in the East was in Montgomery County, Maryland, at the home of Willoughby Moore. Soon after breakfast we took a walk out through the pine woods. We came to a cross fence after walking about one mile and sitting on top of the fence was a white man with a shot gun across his lap. About another mile we ran across another man sitting on a stump with a shot gun across his lap. Moore informed

us that both of those men were Democrats and that every miles from Point of Rocks at the Virginia border east to the Eastern Shore of Maryland was a Democrat with a shot gun and beginning at daylight, every hour until the polls closed, the man at Point of Rocks fired his gun, followed immediately by the next man until it reached across the State. This was to let the negroes know that it was safer for them to stay at home and work than to attempt to run the country.

Sedalia—New packing plant will be erected here by Crocker-Wallace Packing Co.

Flat River—Missouri Natural Co. moved their local office to new Phoenix building.

Breckenridge—Royal Neighbors acquired in Woodman Hall for meeting place.

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Knowing this, you naturally don't want to buy any bootleg gasoline. To be sure the money you pay as tax goes to your state, buy only gasolines sold under dependable, familiar brand names, backed up by reliable companies who make sure the state gets the tax. By sticking to familiar, reliable brands, you'll help banish racketeers.

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Every entrant in the Yard and Garden Contest sponsored by the Sikeston Lions Club will be adding to the value of his property every time he does any permanent planting or beautification work in his yard according to an interview given out today by C. L. Malone, contest chairman, who said:

"Landscaping so increases the value of residential property that it is an extravagance not to plant the ground around a home. The value of property has been increased 35 per cent, and in some cases the landscaping cost has been only a fifth of the amount added to the sale price of a home."

"Good results in home grounds planting can be achieved at so low a cost as to be within the means of anyone who can afford a home. Numerous instances have been recorded where an investment of \$100 in effective planting has added \$500 to the sales price of the property. This data is taken from the report of President Hoover's Conference on Home Building and Home Ownership. The value of home grounds planting and beautification was the subject of particular investigation and study as one of the important divisions of the conference program."

"The conference went into landscaping costs from the standpoint of the home maker of modest income, formulating the general principles of landscape planning and planting for small home grounds. Comfort and attractiveness of our homes are dependent to a large degree on their surroundings, according to the president's report."

"Through its own investigations The Yard and Garden Contest Association of America has established the fact that every dollar wisely expended for trees and shrubbery was tripled in three years as an added value to the real estate so improved."

**FARMER EXONERATED
FOR SHOOTING MAN**

Hayti, Mo., February 12.—John Dooley, farm tenant, yesterday was exonerated by a Coroner's jury in connection with the killing last Wednesday of McKinley Buck, 18, alleged chicken thief.

Aroused by noises emanating from the chicken coop, Dooley went to the rear door of his home and fired one shot into the darkness. An instant later a groan was heard.

Dooley, fearing the chicken thief might have an accomplice near by, went to the home of a neighbor and asked him to assist in the investigation. The neighbor complied, and, by the rays of a lantern, saw the body of his own son on the ground near the coop.

Fairview—Contract let for construction of about ten miles of chat highway from end of present highway, mile this side of city, to Granby corner.

"They Say" —Sez The Man About Town.

By Art L. Wallhausen

The following is donated, and being better than anything we can concoct, who not dish it up?

UNACCUSTOMED AS I AM—

It seems that Japan is week-ending in China—

—and as some of our good Southeast Missourians drop in, uninvited to a Saturday night dance—

—bringing their own horse pistols.

A wonderful time will probably be enjoyed by the yellow originators of the Great Wall of China. The wall wasn't manufacturer of fountain pens. If it hadn't been for Admiral Perry, we would probably have missed all the horrors of Fu Manchu.

The hardest battle in the Jap-Chino Mazurka for the sake of history will be recorded as the Battle of Press. In which the Scripps-Howard reserves fought nobly against the Hearst irregulars.

I find upon investigation that the restaurant racket has several sleights. One must not make his coffee too strong because it probably wouldn't pass for chili; hamburger meat must be made with quite a bit of bone left in it, as the noise of the bone on the teeth will sound like somebody smacking their lips; burnt cylinder oil plus coloring is passing for catsup. A complete booklet will be sent on application.

I have a friend who dunks—dunks his bread, doughnuts, ties and mustache—he also wears spats, carries a cane, and a heulva nerve.

—he was telling me one day that he was bothered with nightmares. I casually remarked that I wasn't bothered with such; he retorted that my halitosis * would keep them in the next county.

* Note: Unpleasant breath, other than one created by association with a flask.

"My bonnie lies over the ocean", sang the wife who had just talked from New York with her husband in London.

The League of Nations surely worked wonderfully in this Japanese performance. They should work like a revival meeting we've had with us for the last six months, they have prayer services once or twice every day to keep the lambs from straying between "preachin's".

Yours satirically,
J. BETH.

An old-time definition of the human body states that "the human anatomy is divided into three parts, the head, chest and body. The head consists of brains, if any; the chest contains two lungs and a bit of liver, and the body contains the five bowels, A. E. I. O. U."

We are indebted to Hiram Lloyd for that one.

We suggest that the County or someone buy County Agent Furry a new typewriter. His machine rolled out the following line this week: "One hundred and fifth farmers attended the Animal Farm Bureau Meeting at Benton on February 4th".

Prof. to ex-telephone operator at night school: "What do you know about nitrates?"

Former Op: "Well, they are a lot cheaper than day rates".

Heaven is no place for loafers, says a preacher in Cape Girardeau, according to the Missourian. Yeah, we've always been taught that we had to work like hell to get there.

And by the way, have you ever noticed how a certain newspaper from that city soft pedals anything constructive from Sikeston, but breaks out with a front-page rash when something not so good happens around here?

Cecil Moyser, the lad with the big shock of unruly hair working on the postoffice job here, is one man without a country. His father and mother are English, but he was born in Africa. He has adopted the U. S. A., however.

Mississippi attempted to tax bachelors \$10 each "for school purposes", but a bachelor attorney general ruled thumbs down.

In baseball season we become familiar with strikeouts, force outs, fly outs, and out of season we learn much about hold outs.

We wonder whether any political candidate running on a "four square" platform couldn't be called a blockhead.

It is with sincere regret that we learn of Miss Helen Motherseed's departure from Sikeston on account of ill health. Helen had a way of getting along with students and parents, but health is more important than a job.

A. E. Dickinson, head of a limestone concern, claims that the bottom of the depression trough has been reached. Prices in his business are always "rock bottom", we suppose.

Thus far we are cultivating a taste only for rice and soybeans, having in mind the possibility of going to China and Japan. Later we propose to try goats milk on our gullet, substitute a loin cloth for B. V. D's. and possibly take up spinning. Ghandi can't live always.

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Two spirited, rival teams will take the court in the first game of the Scott-Mississippi County Girls' Basketball Tournament to be held in Charleston February 25, 26 and 27. Sikeston and the Bluejay team open the Thursday night session at 7 o'clock, according to a complete "time schedule" received Saturday from tournament officials.

The Association ruled that consolation games would be played by "first losers" only, affecting teams which drew byes in the first pairings. To eliminate certain conflicts that might arise, the committee ruled, although the consolation bracket will be scheduled as follows:

Loser game 1 vs. Loser game 3
Loser game 2 vs. loser game 4
Loser game 5 vs. loser game 7
Loser game 6 vs. loser game 8

Admission will be 35¢ for each session except the final session at which admission charges of 50¢ each will be in effect. Children who are students of schools participating will be given an opportunity to purchase tickets for 25¢ per session, in advance.

Gib Hopper of Randles and Hugh May of East Prairie will be the referees for the tournament.

Thursday Night Session

Game 1—Sikeston vs. Charleston—7:00.

Game 2—Diehlstadt vs. Blodgett—8:00.

Game 3—Fornfelt vs. Chaffee—9:00.

Game 4—Illmo vs. Vanduser—10.

Friday Night Session

Game 5—Oran vs. Anniston—7:00.

Game 6—East Prairie vs. Winner game 1—8:00.

Game 7—Benton vs. Winner game 4—9:00.

Game 8—Morley vs. Winner game 5—10:00.

Saturday Morning Session

Game 9—Winner game 2 vs. Winner game 3—8:00.

Game A—Loser game 1 vs. loser game 3—9:00.

Game B—Loser game 2 vs. loser game 4—10:00.

Game C—Loser game 5 vs. loser game 7—11:00.

Game D—Loser game 6 vs. loser game 8—12:00.

Saturday Evening Session

Game 10—Winner game 6 vs. winner game 9—1:30.

Game 11—Winner game 7 vs. winner game 8—2:30.

it. I want to take it to the police station. I'll return it later". He got the bill. Sometime afterward the merchant telephoned the station about his \$20 and learned the police knew nothing about it. He had been worked by a pair of plausible crooks.

Saturday Night Final Session
Game 12—Loser game 10 vs. loser game 11—7:30.

Game G—Winner game E vs. winner game 8—8:30.

Game H—Winner game 10 vs. winner game 11—9:30.

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We notice where Sikeston's second newspaper takes a veiled snub at Mayor Ed Fuchs, because the company he represents has furnished the city with supplies from time to time. This paper also says some people seek public office for patriotic purposes, while others for gain. We distinctly remember when this other editor was elected to the Board of Aldermen. One of his first official duties was to demand more of the city printing than he had been receiving, and in order to know just how much to demand, had the City Clerk go over the records for one year in order that he could find out just how much he had lost. He was desirous of a place on the School Board for the same purpose, and to fire, the present superintendent, and hire another more to his personal and business liking. It is true that a certain lumber concern has furnished a large portion of the supplies used by the city and for a mighty good reason. They always had the supplies in stock and frequently carried the accounts for six months or more. Patriotism!

The world is cautioned to go slow on a boycott of Japanese goods for fear of the fighting spirit of the Little Brown Folks. We'd hate to be the one to start a war with Japan, but if we have to do it, here goes. We intend to boycott all goods manufactured by the Japanese. There!

Missouri Democrats should instruct for Roosevelt for President, and not fool away their chances of the future with any favorite son. The favorite son business is still to let a bunch of politicians get together and trade for some man who might not be popular with the rank and file of the voters. Senator Reed hasn't a ghost of a show for the nomination and his desiring the honor of Missouri's endorsement would mean a trade at the Chicago convention with State patronage as the bait.

The Standard is running no man for Mayer or Councilman, but would be against any man who would not be back of the Municipal Light and Power Plant. Some few people have opposed the plant, the Board of Public Works, the Superintendent, and every councilman who favored the project. With the exception of possibly one councilman, every one of them has stood back of the proposition. Sikeston cannot afford to have opposition to the plant, unless it is intended to make it a failure. Personal reasons have kept some people from backing the plant, and these reasons should be respected. This plant will eventually pay for itself, pay for the water bonds, the sewer bonds, and make sufficient money to keep our city up to the highest point of efficiency.

In a debate on preparedness, conducted by well known speakers, each side produces nuts which are hard to crack. The pacifists state that "War cannot result in victory for any warring nation". According to the militarists, "If China were entirely prepared, she could not only have peace in Manchuria, but she would still own Manchuria". It will take quite a little mental effort to pull either statement to pieces.

Farmington—Progress being made on new postoffice building.

SOME HOT SHOTS FROM
THE MILAN STANDARD

How many old-timers can remember when girls made beautiful embroidered bookmarks for their boy friends?

An economic slump is like a postage stamp—you've got to lick it if you want to send it away.

Maybe the members of the younger generation don't want to catch up with happiness because they would then have no more fun in pursuing it.

We often wonder whatever became of the old-time housewives who occasionally made soda biscuits that looked as though they had the yellow jaundice?

When Uncle Andy Mellon puts on the higher income tax, don't kick at it. Console yourself with the thought that a lot of fellows wish they had a job so they could be paying one.

Japan doesn't seem to have any more respect for the League of Nations than a bootlegger has for the anti-Saloon League.

As a matter of fact, the men with the best educations are the ones who realize they still have a lot to learn.

Marriages may be made in heaven, but the bride and groom usually get down to earth in a short while.

This year's political platforms will not be made so much to stand on as to get in on.

Even if a husband were perfect that never would save him from a bawling out when his wife's nerves happened to be on edge.

Love is the only thing in the world that can make a woman make a man make a fool of himself.

When a battery is run down it may be made as good as new, but it is different with a pedestrian who is run down.

At any rate we can be thankful that the hens haven't shown any symptoms of joining the army of the unemployed.

It used to be that when a man was run down he would take a tonic, but now he takes the number of the car.

A napkin tucked into a shirt collar may be bad table manners but it has saved many a good necktie.

The man who likes to see a good race might try making his salary and his expenses run a dead heat.

The installment collectors meets some of our best people.

PITHY PARAGRAPHS FROM
SHELBYNA DEMOCRAT

Make no mistakes about it—the world wants the best, even when it hesitates about paying for it.

Experience is what you get when you are looking for something else.

It's the good apple tree that has the most Clubs thrown at it.

What does it profit a man to have the initiative when his wife has the referendum?

The most unhealthy race in the world is the race to the railroad track.

Whatever you are—Be a good one.

A man is like an egg, because it takes a woman to break him.

We grow when we are green. It's when we think we are ripe that we begin to get rotten.

Business goes where it is invited and abides where it is well treated.

The people who are blessed with good judgment are those who agree with us.

Every whistler has one appreciative listener.

If you are satisfied with what you haven't got—that's happiness.

Every failure will teach a man something if he will learn.

There's no limit to the good a man can do if he doesn't care who gets the credit.

There never was anything made but someone could make it worse and sell it for less.

The world was better when there were fewer billboards and more washboards.

We can't expect our customers to come in—Unless we put ourselves out.

The man who shows off the least, usually shows up best.

Are all fisherman liars, or are all liars fisherman?

What the youth of this country needs, is narrower pants and broader ideas.

It is better to go wrong occasionally than be eternally walking backwards.

The critic who begins with himself, will be to busy to take outside contracts.

Hunt for the good in the other fellow—he has to do the same in your case.

The March of Progress: Grandfather had a farm; father had a garden; son has a can opener.

Herr Neumann (returning home from his mother-in-law's funeral, as a tile falls on his head): "By Jove", she's soon got to heaven"—Berliner Illustrirt.

OUCH!



emy's morale. That President Wilson's Fourteen Points made their way across the Hindenburg line to the German people through wireless is a matter of historic record.

This final dramatic achievement was made possible by an innovation in long-distance transmission. While the guns thundered in France, over here in the quiet of a laboratory Dr. E. F. W. Alexanderson of the General Electric staff had evolved his high-frequency alternator. This device, later rendered obsolete, was destined to do more than further military projects. It heralded a new era and changed the whole wireless situation. It opened a field for commercial exploitation without a parallel in the annals of American business. It led directly to the launching of the Radio Corporation of America.

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CHARLESTON MUSIC
CLUB ENTERTAINS

Charleston, February 13.—The Wednesday Morning Music Club met this week at the home of Mrs. James L. Byrd on North Main Street.

Mrs. C. L. Joslyn presided and conducted the business session. Mrs. G. W. Kirk was chairman for the program rendered. Her topic was "The Old and Modern English Song" and she gave a very interesting talk on the "History of the English Song", prior to the rendition of the following program:

Solo—Danny Boy, by Fred E. Weatherly—Mrs. Harley Nelson.

Solo—Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes, by Ben Jonson—Mrs. G. W. Kirk

Duet—In the Gloaming, by Annie F. Harrison—Mrs. Harley Nelson and Mrs. Geo. W. Kirk

Solo—Birds in the Night, by Arthur Sullivan—Mrs. Harley Nelson

Solo—The Second Minuet, by Cecil Condray—Mrs. Geo. W. Kirk

Duet—In the Garden of Tomorrow, by Jessie L. Deppen—Mrs. Geo. W. Kirk and Mrs. Harley Nelson

Solo—Do You Know My Garden? by Hayden Wood—Mrs. Harley Nelson, Mrs. Tom Byrd accompanied.

At the conclusion of the program, Mrs. Jess Hall, by special request, rendered two vocal solos. Eighteen members and two visitors were in attendance to enjoy this splendid program.

PNEUMONIA PROVES FATAL
TO HUNTER LIMBAUGH

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon, 2:30 o'clock by Rev. J. F. E. Bates, pastor of the local Methodist church, for Hunter Jas. Limbaugh, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Limbaugh, who died Sunday following a brief illness from pneumonia. Services were conducted at the home 327 Dorothy Street, with interment in Sikeston City Cemetery, Dempster in charge.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Limbaugh and three children, Annabelle, Lillian Lee and Lester J. Limbaugh, Jr., survive. Mr. Limbaugh is chief mechanic of the Missouri State Highway Division 10 garage here.

The fishermen of Canada have learned the trick of catching eels by the use of a discarded stocking with a hole in the toe. A barrel contain-

ing a piece of pork or other bait has a hole in the bottom over which the big end of the stocking is secured, allowing it to float inside the barrel. The outfit is sunk to the bottom of the stream and the eel, after the bait, will find its way inside by means of the stocking, which offers a means of entrance but not of exit.

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February 12, 1932

The health reports from the county show that there is Scarlet Fever in the county and epidemic in Sikeston. We take this means of notifying the public that this is a very dangerous and very contagious disease, and a rigid quarantine should be maintained in all cases, whether mild or severe. This applies not only to persons having the disease, but also to all persons who have not had the disease but have come in contact with it. These persons should be quarantined for a period of seven days from the date of the last contact. Those with the disease should be quarantined for twenty-eight days. The sale of all foodstuffs and milk should be strictly prohibited from all homes where Scarlet Fever is known to be.

Scarlet Fever is one of the most contagious of all contagious diseases, and while this is a mild form severe and fatal complications may result. In cases of exceptional mildness the rash may be scarcely perceptible, yet in the haemorrhagic form, death may take place on the second or third day. It may attack adults apparently in good health.

The County Health Officer has cards for the reporting of contagious diseases, and it is the duty of all physicians to report such disease to him. It is also the duty of any public spirited citizen to report any contagious disease if a physician is not in attendance.

We hope to have the hearty co-operation of every physician in the county in suppressing this disease.

U. P. HAW, County Health Officer

G. W. PRESNELL, City Health Officer.

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IN AND ABOUT TOWN

(By Mrs. C. M. Harris, Phone 581)

Miss Myra Tanner spent Friday night and Saturday with Mrs. Harold Hebbeler at Cape Girardeau.

Robert Higgins, Max Reed and Tris Marshall left Saturday by automobile for Los Angeles, Calif.

Mrs. Frank Shannon, who had been visiting in Tulsa, Okla., since before Christmas, was called home on account of the illness of her mother, Mrs. G. F. Pierce. Mrs. Shannon arrived home Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Duncan spent last week in Jackson with Mrs. Duncan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bowman. Jimmie Lee Goodwin, a nephew, who spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Duncan, returned home with them.

Mrs. Nellie Estes, who had been visiting in Chaffee, Cape Girardeau and Jackson the past few weeks, returned home Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Duncan, who spent the week-end in Jackson.

Marshall Duncan returned to his home in St. Louis last Friday, after a six weeks' stay in Sikeston.

Mrs. A. B. Carpenter returned to her home in Farmington Sunday, after a visit with her sister, Mrs. Dal Harness, and family.

Miss Wilma Ragains was able to resume her duties as teacher, Monday morning, after being absent since last Tuesday on account of sickness.

Mr. and Mrs. U. G. Ragains and family of Morley visited with their daughter and sister, Miss Wilma Ragains, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. O. G. McBeath of Memphis, Tenn., visited with her sister, Mrs. T. F. Henry, a short while Sunday afternoon, while enroute to her home.

The W. C. T. U. will meet Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. F. E. Mount. Mrs. Lizzie Ferrell will be assistant hostess. Mrs. T. F. Henry will be leader. It is hoped that all members will be present.

The Westway Club will meet Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Clarence Marshall.

A meeting of the W. B. A. guards will be held at the I. O. O. F. Hall Wednesday afternoon at 2 p.m. All members wishing to join the guard team are requested to be present. Mrs. Roy Wagner is captain of the guard team and this meeting is for the purpose of organizing the team.

Mrs. Jack Matthews was in Cape Girardeau last Saturday to see Miss Ella Ruth Fletcher, who is a patient in the Southeast Missouri Hospital.

The Ebert-Kready Missionary Society of the Methodist Church will meet with Mrs. J. H. Kready Thursday afternoon. Mrs. J. R. Sellards will assist Mrs. Kready in entertaining the Society.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sikes entertained the following from Cairo Saturday evening: Dr. and Mrs. Flint Bondurant, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Halliday and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Manus.

J. R. Sellards was in St. Louis Friday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Scott, Mrs. Jewell Gentles and daughter, Patsy Ruth and Miss Millie Jones expect to go to Portageville Thursday evening, where they will visit with Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Harris and family.

Miss Lucy Bird returned to her home in Bird's Point Monday, after a visit with her aunt, Mrs. G. E. Daniels and family.

Miss Mildred Meyer went to Fredericktown, Sunday, where she was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ruckles. From Fredericktown, Miss Meyers went to St. Louis, where she will visit her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Hahn.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lemons and children of Jonesboro, Ill., visited with Mrs. Lemons' parents, Rev. and Mrs. F. E. Jones, last week-end.

Bertis Moore of Canalou was a Sikeston visitor Saturday.

Mrs. J. M. Lough, who has been with her daughter, Mrs. Gus Martin, expects to return to her home in Charleston the latter part of this week. Mrs. Lough suffered an injury to her home and has been with her daughter since the accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Martin visited with his mother, Mrs. Chas. Bogert, Sunday. They report Mrs. Bogert as improving.

Mrs. Nellie Atkinson, Mrs. Marvin Carroll, Mrs. Ben Carroll, Mrs. Gertrude Lee and Mrs. Harvey Morrison were in Cape Girardeau last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Carroll and son, W. L., visited with Mrs. Flavia Patterson in Morehouse, Sunday.

Mrs. M. E. Prouty returned Sunday from Matthews, where she had visited with her sister, Mrs. S. T. Burch, since Friday.

Tom Burch of Chicago came Sunday for a visit with his mother, Mrs. S. T. Burch, at Matthews.

The Sunday School Council of the Methodist church held its meeting at the church Monday evening.

Sergeant James L. Greer, U. S. A. Recruiting Officer, Poplar Bluff, Mo., was on business in Sikeston over the week-end, in interest of recruiting. From Sikeston he went to Charleson on a like mission.

Dorothy Stone of Cairo visited her brother, Henry Stone, manager of Piggly Wiggly Friday and Saturday. Mrs. Albert Stone and sons, Leonard and Carl, of Cairo came over Sunday night and Henry and Dorothy returned to Cairo with them.

Dorothy Stone of Cairo was a dinner guest Saturday of Lavinia Moll.

Mrs. R. A. Moll, Mrs. Ruth Malone and Miss Hyacinth Sheppard visited at the Mrs. Gustie Gockel home in Jackson Sunday afternoon.

P. H. Gross and son, Lyman, were in Memphis, Tenn., where they went to see about buying equipment for a butcher shop to be installed in their store on Greer Avenue.

The Senior and Hi-Epworth Leagues of the Methodist church will go to Chaffee this evening (Tuesday) where they will attend a meeting of the Scott County Young Peoples' Union held at the Methodist church in that city.

The regular monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Baptist Ministers' Conference was held at the Chaffee Baptist church Monday. In connection with this conference a meeting of the ministers' wives was also held. Rev. and Mrs. Leslie Garrison, of the local Baptist church, were in attendance.

Ray Keith returned to his home in Washington, Ind., last Friday, after a visit with his brother, E. J. Keith, and family. E. F. Keith of Keweenaw, another brother, returned home with him for a business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Hitchcock and children spent Sunday in Charleston with Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Attridge.

Mrs. W. B. Hanner expects to go to Chicago this week for a visit with her daughters.

Mrs. Ichy Brown of Charleston entertained Sunday in honor of her husband's birthday with a 1:00 o'clock dinner. Those from Sikeston attending were: Miss Lillian Kendall, Miss Lucille Kendall, Miss Tylene Kendall, Miss Vivian Jackson, Miss Mary Ferrell, Louis Flewelling, Wayne Reed, Ralph Potashnick and Jack Lancaster.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walker of East Prairie were in Sikeston and Matthews, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Young and children spent Saturday and Sunday in St. Louis.

Miss Maude Adams was in Dexter last Thursday evening, where she attended a Y. W. A. banquet at the home of Mrs. S. T. Cannon, the sponsor. This was the anniversary meeting of the Dexter Y. W. A. and also the 25th anniversary of the Southland's Y. W. A. There were fifteen present and four of the fifteen were charter members. Miss Adams is a charter member and was honor guest. A program was rendered by the Dexter members from 6:30 to 8:30, after which a radio program over the Shreveport, La., station was enjoyed. This program was given under the auspices of the Southland's Y. W. A. The color scheme was green and white and was also carried out in the refreshments.

The Y. W. A. of the First Baptist church will meet with Miss Dorothy Walker this evening (Tuesday). Miss Margaret Walton will be leader.

The Dorcas Class of the First Baptist Church entertained the Agoga Class with a Valentine party last Friday evening in the basement of the church. Twenty-five were present. Games was the feature of the evening after which refreshments were served. A very enjoyable evening was spent by all present. Mrs. Leslie Garrison is teacher of the Dorcas Class, while the Agoga Class is taught by Jack Johnson.

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MERCHANTS WILL ENTERTAIN SHOE FACTORY EMPLOYEES

A motion of appreciation is being extended employees of the International Shoe Factory and their guests by approximately eighty Sikeston merchants, who Friday night, this week, will entertain with a dance in the Armory from 9 until 12:30 o'clock. Any employee of the factory or guests of employees will be welcome to dance or merely look on as spectators. The Missouri Melody Makers, 7-piece Sikeston band, will furnish the music.

CITIZENS STORE MUST VACATE BY FEBRUARY 22

According to I. Kigman, purchaser of the bankrupt Citizen Store Company stock, the place must be vacated by six o'clock February 22. To facilitate moving the material still on hand, the remaining stock will be sold at public auction, with three sales a day, 10:30 o'clock, 1:30 p. and 7:00 o'clock each night.

HE DIDN'T SEE HIS SHADOW ON EITHER DAY

No matter whether weather prognosticators insist upon February 2 or 14 as official "Ground Hog Day", Mr. and Mrs. much-discussed ground hog failed to see their shadow so an early spring is assured—relatively at least—as affecting this district.

LEGION SIGNS UP FOR TWO BOAT DANCES

Two river dance excursions on the Island Maid were signed for last week-end by Art L. Sensenbaugh, chairman of the American Legion Dance Committee. The first is to be held Thursday, May 5, and the second Thursday, May 12. The dance band was not named in the contract, but it will be a first class musical outfit, the Legionnaire assures. Tickets will cost 75¢ for adults, and 25¢ for children, 6 to 12 years old.

AMONG THE SICK

Mrs. G. F. Pierce, who has been suffering from a sever cold, is reported to be better.

Miss Gwendolyn Duncan, who has been absent from school on account of tonsilitis, is improving.

Miss Marie Patterson, who has been confined to her home the past two weeks suffering with tonsilitis, which later developed into a rising in her head, is reported to be some improved.

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The turbine engine, it is expected, will in a short time reduce the time of the ocean trip to Europe to four days. Such a steamer is being built at this time and the engines will be of 200,000 horsepower. The craft will be equipped with a huge gyroscope, which will prevent any undue motion, so that the comfort of the passengers will be increased to the point that seasickness will be eliminated. It is anticipated that the boat will attain a speed of 35 knots.

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Missouri State Highway Commission Honors Former Chief With Scroll of Honor

A hand-penned and decorated scroll, received this morning by C. D. Matthews, banker and former chairman of the Missouri State Highway Department from his former colleagues, attests the high esteem in which he is held not only by his former associates, but by the State at large. The scroll is truly a work of art in itself, and summarizes the years of active duty, and the accomplishments of Mr. Matthews in the following words:

Resolution

WHEREAS, C. D. Matthews has been a member of the State Highway Department of Missouri since its inception in 1921, its Vice-Chairman from 1924 to 1926, its Chairman from 1926 to 1931, and

WHEREAS during all that time he has been firm and thorough in the performance of his duties, and a faithful servant of the State of Missouri, and

WHEREAS, during that time, over one hundred and eighty-three million dollars were judiciously and economically expended upon the State Highway System, and

WHEREAS, during his service as Chairman of the Commission, the confidence of the people of the State of Missouri has been expressed repeatedly in the State Highway Commission by voting additional funds for highway purposes, and by vesting added authority in the Commission by the people of the State and by the action of the General Assembly, and

and of his loyal, untiring, and fruitful efforts while serving as a member, Vice-Chairman and Chairman of this Commission.

Signed: W. F. Phares, Chairman R. S. Browne, vice-chairman E. Cramer, secretary; John W. Mather, chief counsel; T. H. Cutler, chief engineer; Charles Ferguson, treasurer; H. A. Buehler, ex-official member.

LIONS CLUB KID PARTY SCORES BIG HIT

Lions Club members are dozens of non-club members enjoyed being kids again "just for a night", when the club sponsored a Kid Party at the Armory Friday night. Approximately 125 couples danced to music furnished by the "Missouri Melody Makers", and in that respect were delightedly surprised. The local musicians played for the first Lions Club dollar hop, and scored a hit then. Since that time the boys have added materially to their store of popular dance numbers, and performed like veterans.

Proceeds of the dance will go to defraying expenses of the annual Yard and Garden Contest, a Lions Club venture in city-wide beautification.

PROGRAM Weeks Theatre

Dexter, Mo.

"Emma"

NEXT SUNDAY'S MATINEE admission will be

LOCAL AND PERSONAL FROM CHARLESTON

Charles Stanfil spent Friday in Cairo.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy C. Robertson left Friday morning for Argonia, Kansas, where they were called by the death of Mr. Robertson's brother, Floyd Robertson, who died Wednesday night at his home in that city, following an illness of pneumonia.

Postmaster Lee Pemberton and Hon. George W. Kirk spent Friday in St. Louis.

Scout Executive Cecil Morrison and wife were in this city Thursday night to take part in the Boy Scout Anniversary meeting held at the high school auditorium.

Mrs. Jess Hall spent Wednesday and Thursday in Hickman, Ky.

All the prominent barbers of this County assembled at Stanfil's barber shop in this city, Wednesday evening and formed what is to be known as Mississippi County Barbers' Association. This Association will meet every month. The following officers were elected: President, George Steele of East Prairie; Secretary-Treasurer—C. H. Stanfil, Charleston; Chairman, A. S. Hopgood of East Prairie. Some twenty members were enrolled.

A delightful meeting of the Saturday Bridge Club was held Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Byron Howlett in her apartment on East Cypress Street. Bridge was played at seven tables. Prizes were won by Mrs. Bailey Wilkinson, Jr., Mrs. Tom Byrd and Mrs. Billy Love. The Club visitors were Mesdames Harzell Brock, Clifford Brown, A. J. Drinkwater, Jr., J. H. Marshall, Ernest Story, Ben More, Miles Lee, Frank Ashby, Oliver French, Earl Grojean, Garland Russell, Bernice Farmer, Ben Brewer, Ed Deal, Doss Lee, Billy Love, Buckner Ragsdale, Misses Ellen Love, Mary Lee Simpson, Addie Ponder.

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Alice Lee, Grace Danforth, Frankie Whitehead and Louise Oggie.

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"The Harvest", a stirring, human interest drama of modern life, will be presented at the First Methodist Church, Friday evening, February 19, at 7:30 o'clock, with Attorney George Y. Hammond, author, and G. W. Crosby taking the prominent parts. The two men, who are from Topeka, Kansas, will be assisted by a number of local people.

The scene of action is a county prosecutor's office, with Mr. Hammond in the role of prosecuting attorney. Mr. Crosby will play the part of the father of a boy who is in jail facing a murder charge as the result of driving while intoxicated.

The Shimbashi Geisha Association which controls the highest class group of geisha entertainers in Tokyo, Japan, has decided to establish a sort of gisha university, at which the entertainers will be trained in entertainment a bit more modern than that which their profession has specialized in for the last few centuries.

SHORT TREATMENT CORRECTS DIGESTIVE AILMENTS FOR LOCAL GIRL 18 YEARS OLD

A young woman, habitually constipated, objected to all medicine, ate fruits, took occasional enema, but was still distressed with stomach ailments, bad breath and coated tongue. After taking one tablespoonful of Maglac regularly for three days has regular evacuation, and in one week found tongue clear, and no digestive disturbance.

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FROM THE MOTION PICTURE BY ARRANGEMENT WITH Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer

Chapter V

WHAT HAS HAPPENED SO FAR
Reprimanded by his superior for carelessness in loading bombs on the wings of one of the planes of the carrier Saratoga in target practice, through the smartness of a new Chief Petty Officer Steve Nelson, Windy Riker, the leading C. P. O., knocks Nelson out cold. And when Steve refuses to introduce Windy to his girl, Windy hires a Panama dancing girl to put Steve in bad with Ann Mitchell by pretending that Steve has been living with her and has deserted her. Ann believes the girl's trumped up tale and leaves the island without waiting for Steve's explanation. Returning from flying the Admiral out to the Saratoga, Windy's commander, Griffin, is in an air-crash, but is extricated, still alive, by Windy and Steve from the wrecked plane.
NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY

* * * OUT OF THE SERVICE *

The twentieth of the month came at last and Windy was in his element, overseeing the final arrangements for the departure of Squadron No. 1 to the U.S.S. Saratoga. But a few days more and he would be in Panama; he would go to the Cafe Royale and see Mame; she would have cold beer for him up in her apartment; there would be old friends to greet. Perhaps he would marry Mame at once and come back as soon as his hitch was up to spend the rest of his days helping her run the cafe.

He went to his locker to see that

and men of Squadron One were formed in double ranks, the officers standing a little apart on the right of the line. They now stood at rigid attention. His skipper, with Duke Johnson at his side, approached and Windy executed a smart "about face" and saluted them, then he stepped aside for Lieutenant Fisher who gave the command:

"Salute! Two!"

The two officers walked briskly forward to the center of the line, returning the salute. Griffin somewhat clumsily with his left hand. The vacant right sleeve was pinned to his chest. The lines in Griffin's pale, despite set face were deeply drawn, and his grim determination to be pleasant. Windy took his place directly behind Griffin who drew a paper out of his pocket, shook it open and read:

"U. S. Naval Air Station
"San Diego, California."

From: Commander Carrier Divisions: U. S. Fleet.

To: Lieutenant Commander John • Grimm.

Subject: Relieved Command Fighting Squadron One.

"On the date on which your retirement from the Naval service becomes effective, you are hereby relieved of command of Fighting Squadron One Lieutenant D. W. Johnson, U. S. Navy will assume command."

"JOHN EVANS,
"Rear Admiral, U. S. Navy.



"Riker," said Steve, "I'm glad to find out exactly who it was that double-crossed me with my girl."

all his personal belongings were packed and that the lockers were clean and in order. The photograph of Mame, framed in a miniature life buoy, still adorned the inside of the door to his locker. He took down the picture, passed his fingers gently over it, and then placed it on top of the things in his open sea-chest.

He cast a quick glance about the lockers; they were all spick-and-span; all the doors were left open at a uniform angle so that the lockers could be inspected easily. Windy opened the door of his locker at the same angle. He called a sailor to see that his chest was stowed aboard ship. At the end of the lockers he caught sight of Steve Nelson dialing the phone. Windy smiled sourly, as he had these many days every time he saw Steve at the phone. The interviews over the wire must have been extremely unsatisfactory to Steve, for he was either glum and doleful or his eyes flashed with anger when he jammed the receiver on the hook and turned away.

Windy walked softly back until he was close enough to overhear what Steve was saying.

"This is the last time I'll try to call you, Ann," said Steve. "I've tried to explain a dozen times that I never saw that woman before in my life. I tell you it was just a frame-up! Ann! Ann!" He jiggled the hook.

"Sir, I relieve you," said Johnson, and saluted again.

After he had returned the salute awkwardly, Griffin and Johnson shook hands cordially. Duke then motioned to Lieutenant Fisher who advanced and handed him a plush case.

"Jack," said Johnson in a voice that betrayed emotion, "this is a little remembrance from your pilots. They wanted to give you a little token of their esteem and affection."

Griffin snapped the lid of the case open with his left hand. The gift was a handsome gold cigarette case embossed with the regulation wings of the air service; below the wings was the high hat which was the insignia of the squadron. There was a few moments of silence in which Griffin seemed unable to find his voice.

"I need nothing to remember my pilots by," he said at length, "but I shall treasure their remembrance, and when I look at it recall their courage and loyalty."

Windy swallowed nervously as he advanced bearing the silver tray and the cocktail set, which Baldy had brought to him.

"Sir," began Windy, trying to remember his set speech, "in behalf of the enlisted men of the squadron, we—"

"We—" He stopped confused and embarrassed. He couldn't remember another word of the speech. He thrust the tray towards his skipper and said in his own natural voice:

"Here you are, skipper! It's from your gang." He saluted smartly and stepped back to his place.

Griffin was having trouble in holding the tray, with the shaker and the goblets on it, in his untrained left hand, and smiled his thanks as Duke Johnson took it from him.

"Go to the devil!" said Steve, and walked away from Windy, scowling.

Windy failed to get much satisfaction out of Steve's discomfiture, for the day was a sad one for him. His skipper, Lieutenant Commander Griffin, recovered from his injuries, but with his right arm gone, was leaving the service. There was to be a farewell ceremony, and it must be about time for it. He glanced at his watch and found he had but a few minutes to spare. He went out on the field and found the squadron planes in formation, with the sailors and mechanics drawn up in line. Baldy Barnes met him carrying a large bundle wrapped in brown paper. Windy's fingers trembled a little as he unwrapped the package and took out a silver tray. Baldy and Barrett undid some smaller packages containing a silver cocktail shaker and goblets which they placed silently upon the tray.

"Here they come!" said Baldy. Windy quickly set the tray down on the wing of an airplane. The officers

were afraid that he would and there was an awkward pause which Griffin broke by fumbling with the gears. But as Johnson stepped back from the car, Griffin spoke over his shoulder.

"Say, Duke—about old Windy . . .

Give him all the breaks you can . . . His heart and soul are sort of bound up in the navy—in his job."

"Sure, Jack. I won't ride him, if that's what you mean."

Griffin nodded, started the automobile up with a jerk, for he still found it difficult to drive with but one hand, in spite of the hours he had devoted, since leaving the hospital, to practice.

The bugle sounded Assembly, and Jack Griffin stopped his car a short distance further away for a last look at the field and the 200 airplanes drawn up in formation on the line, the men drawn up in front of the planes in precise double ranks. They were going out to the Saratoga to begin the trip to Panama, and he was out of it all. Never again would he ride in airplane No. 1 and give the orders to the ships of the Squadron: no more for him to ride the wind, pierce the clouds, outfit the eagle, dive sickeningly towards the earth from a tremendous height to drop bombs upon an imaginary enemy. If his country got into a war he would be out of it, unable to serve.

Jack Griffin was blue and miserable. He loved the service, loved his men. And then the 200 airplanes started off at once in a roar that sent his spirit skyrocketing. The taking off of a squadron of airplanes is a beautiful and inspiring sight, one that always thrilled him. He watched them rise into the air, his throat dry and aching; watched them swing back over the hangars in a single, mass formation and pass over his head.

He saw an arm waving at him from the rear cockpit of one of the planes. It was Windy. He could just make him out. He took off his cap and waved it slowly, in farewell to Windy Riker, in farewell to the squadron he had once commanded.

And then he became aware of a gray roadster that came dashing across the bridge to the island. It drew up not far from his own car, and a beautiful young girl in gray sat there staring after the disappearing airplanes. She waved a handkerchief feebly, then applied it to her eyes, trying to keep back the tears. She gave up trying after a time, leaned her head down on the steering wheel and wept.

"Have they all gone?" she asked.

"Yes, all except me," he answered, stopping his car. "They're off on a cruise to Panama."

The airplane carrier Saratoga was heading south under full steam. In the C.P.O. berthing quarters, some of the men were busy storing away their belongings, others were seeking their bunks, while still others were entering with their sea bags and ditty boxes. Steve Nelson sat on his bunk near the door, unpacking for the cruise. Windy and Baldy entered, dragging their sea bags, and began looking for their berths. Windy's way but two bunks away from Steve's and when he saw Steve unpacking he glared at him moment indignantly, affronted at berthing so near to him. Then he began unpacking, took out the photo of Mame Kelsey and sought a place to hang it.

"It won't be long now, baby," he addressed the portrait, throwing it on his pillow to rummage in his pocket for a cigarette. His pocket was empty.

"Hi, Baldy! Break out a cigarette..."

Baldy, two bunks further down the C.P.O. quarters, shook his head, indicating he was in the same predicament. Windy looked around for someone from whom he could borrow and saw Steve Nelson place a package of cigarettes on his bunk while he lay. Windy stepped over to him and reached for the package, just as Steve calmly picked it up and put it in his pocket.

"Come on, loosen up," said Windy, impatiently. "Gimme a cigarette."

"I wouldn't give you the tarter of my teeth," responded Steve, evenly, without looking up.

Windy stared at him a moment, undecided whether to be amused or indignant at the rebuff. Then he laughed and assumed the mincing carriage and voice of Lulu.

"Oh, Steve, so you're trying to give your sweet mama the run around? And after all we've been to each other—When I trusted you so! Oh, Steve! You're breaking my heart!"

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"Here you are, skipper! It's from your gang." He saluted smartly and stepped back to his place.

Johnson opened the car door for his former chief and while he was sliding under the wheel, placed the tray and cocktail shaker securely on the seat beside him. Griffin started the motor, then turned to his successor.

"So long, Duke."

"So long, Jack."

They shook hands. Johnson wanted to express his sympathy for Griffin.

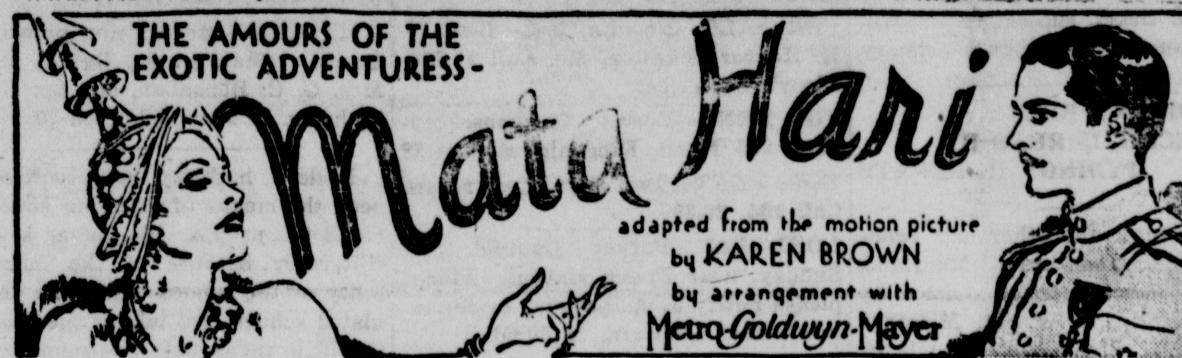
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MALONE THEATRE



Are You a Spendthrift of Time?

Your most priceless possession is Time. Your leisure hours, properly spent, can make life richer, fuller, more meaningful for you. Once squandered they can never be recalled. Today, the motion picture screen is presenting such a marvelous variety of entertainment as to make more secure than ever the place it occupies in our



Chapter XIII

WHAT HAS HAPPENED SO FAR
Mata Hari, famous dancer and enemy spy, makes an innocent accomplice of a young Russian aviator, Alexander Rosanoff. In order to protect him from her former lover, Shubin, who is about to telephone Dubois, the head of the French Secret Service and involve Rosanoff, the dancer shoots Shubin. But Rosanoff comes to see the latter. The dancer persuades him not to enter and sends him on his flight to Russia with messages, admitting that she loves him. He is shot down. From her hiding-place, she hurries to him heedless of the threats of Adriana, guiding mind of the enemy operatives. Rosanoff is blind. Mata Hari promises to marry him and go away with him. But on leaving the hospital, she escapes an attempt on her life by one of Adriana's men only to come face to face with Dubois who arrests her as a spy. **NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY**

COURTMARTIAL

The trial of Mata Hari took place at night in the courtroom of the Assizes and was conducted with the utmost secrecy by the members of the Third Courtmartial. The room was

no whiter than usual and stood up in cell in St. Lazare since her arrest had not told on her in the least. When she spoke, in her alluring, low voice, she looked at the members of the courtmartial in turn out of those heavy-lidded eyes to which so many descriptions had been devoted. A number of the men had met her in the past, a few would have paid court to her if she had cared or so she believed. There was an unshakable assurance in her attitude, for in her heart of hearts, she could not for a moment credit any of them with a desire to be her enemy. Dubois, perhaps. No other of these men, no man, could care to see her die, no matter what she had done. And as Maitre Caron had pointed out time after time, there was no direct evidence against her on any count.

Maitre Caron, himself, swore by her innocence. The white-haired old man had almost wept in her cell to think that one so beautiful, so entrancing, so guiltless, should be subjected to the discomfort of even a few days in prison. He would save her. He insisted he could. All her friends would come to the rescue, too.

Nevertheless, as the questions became more specific, hemmed her in,



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large, the people allowed in it few. The defendant, her advocate, the prosecutor, the members of the Court, M. Dubois, and the guards. The lights high up glared upon the faces of the accused and accusing and left the rows of vacant benches stranded in shadow. Because of the weight of the evidence and names involved and the importance of not revealing the mechanism of the spy systems, even the sentries outside were not permitted to approach the closed doors nearer than ten paces.

Dubois had begun his first examination of the dancer by demanding brusquely, "Tell me how long you have been in the German Secret Service?" And when she had replied with equal curtness that she could not tell him that because she was not and never had been a spy, he had returned again and again to the attack, even calling her by the number with which she was identified in the German lists, "H 21, when did you first become a spy in the enemy's pay?" his animus had not sufficed to break her down.

But the methods of the prosecutor, prompted by Dubois, though more bland, were more businesslike and more concrete. He described to her transactions which she had undertaken and carried through, her actions as observed by the Allied secret service bureaus in various countries and asked her how she could explain these actions on any other count but that of her hidden occupation.

Wasn't it true that when she had been in Madrid, occupying a room in a hotel next to that of a German agent, the latter had wired to his colleague in Amsterdam for money to be paid to H 21?

"Yes," she answered without hesitation, even with a shade of hauteur. "I am not French. I have the right to have friends in other countries even among those at war with France. The German was my friend. I had need of money in Madrid and he offered me some. I do not know where he got it."

But why had he ordered it paid to H 21, which, declared the prosecutor, was known to be her official number?

"It is not known to me," she retorted. "And it is not my business if the German wished to get from his country the money with which to pay my debts."

Her counsel, Maitre Caron, an old and devoted friend, attempted to take her hand as evidence of his admiration and encouragement. She drew away from him, standing alone.

She was beautifully dressed—her maid had brought her clothes—and

he cast anxious glances at her to see whether they were having any effect on her nerves. But she seemed to be unshaken. Sometimes, indeed, she had to pause for a moment to consider the reasonableness of her answer when they struck too near home, when, for instance, they inquired about the submarine affair, mentioned the time she had caused the death of an important French agent in Belgium, and her successful efforts to learn through her aviator friends the routes by which airplanes were dropping Allied agents behind the German lines in Belgium.

Once she looked down and moistened her lips. Dubois had declared that she was known to have been responsible for the death of at least fifty thousand men—politus in trench holes; sailors hundreds of feet below sea level, remote from all human life in the compartments of submarines; officers shot at dawn for their complicity in her manoeuvres; all sorts and conditions of men gathered in army and navy and subjected not only to the direct fire of the enemy but to the insidious betrayals of treachery and espionage.

"And those men," finished Dubois, "we must remember! Those men we must avenge!"

There was a silence. Those members of the Court who had not seen front line service themselves had intimate connections with men who at that very moment might be in the midst of agony and horror, might lie at the point of death.

But it was a question of far more concrete evidence than this, the prosecutor began again, of a far more specific crime. Was it not true that she had been very friendly with the deceased Colonel Shubin, Attaché of the Russian Embassy?

For this Mata Hari had been thoroughly prepared.

Yes. She had been his very good friend.

And was it not a fact that she had dined with him the evening before his death?

"Certainly," she admitted. She dined with him very often.

And hadn't she quarreled with him that night because he had refused her information? "And later you feared that he might denounce you?"

"I quarreled with him, yes," said the dancer coldly. "That is, he quarreled with me. It is ridiculous to assume that there was any question of information. That evening, in Paris, there were doubtless thousands of quarrels between good friends, for the

prosecutor sat back, and Maitre Caron rose to move for her acquittal on the ground of lack of direct evidence to show that she was a spy, had other than a friendly connection with Shubin or had even been in his house the day of his death.

With many gestures now raising his voice impressively, now lowering it with a tremor of emotion, he begged them to believe that he was as loyal a Frenchman, as true a patriot as any of the members of the Court, he begged them to remember that he had practised his profession for forty-one years and had a great deal of experience with crime. His client might have been driven to within a short distance of the Colonel's house that morning, an unfortunate coincidence which might befall the most innocent. But no one had seen her enter or leave and later she had kept an engagement with her dressmaker.

These were not the actions of a guilty woman. His client had been "indiscret—yes Unmoral—yes But a spy—no—a thousand times no! And guilty of so foul a crime as the shooting of a dear friend in as the prosecutor had tried to prove, the pursuit of her nefarious business—never!"

"The chivalry of France cannot and

will not on such slender, such unsupported evidence, indeed such lack of evidence, brand a beautiful woman, a neutral subject and a great artist as a spy and a common criminal!"

The old man sat down, exhausted,

and applied a handkerchief to his brow and to his eyes. The guards had been moved by his fervor, but the members of the Courtmartial stared at Mata Hari with blank faces and the dancer looked straight back at them as if challenging them with all the confidence of a clear conscience.

The prosecutor then nodded to Dubois, who stepped forward.

TOMORROW—Confession.

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"Why the Standard had that last time."

Annual Boys' Cage Tourney Opens in Sikeston Next Monday Evening

Coaches of eight boys' basketball teams in the district have indicated that they will send representatives to the annual Washington's Birthday Tournament here, February 22 and 23.

Players, their positions and numbers are given herewith:

MATTHEWS NO. POS.

Wilmarth	15	F
Revelle	16	F
Patterson	12	F
King	17	C
Cantwell	18	G
Huls	13	G
McGill	20	F
Tetley	11	G
CANALOU	NO. POS.	
B. Moore	3	
J. Newman	4	
H. Sims	5	
B. Sims	6	
C. McConaughay	8	
D. Alexander	9	
F. Summers	2	
A. Blankenship	7	
R. Spencer	1	
T. Shrum	10	
P. Smith	11	
C. Walden	12	

CHARLESTON

A. Brown—8
T. Bynum—6
Joe Ellis—9
E. Howard—3
R. Lutz—10
W. I. Parks—4
K. Smith—1
M. Wise—5

WEST. JOSEPH, CAIRO

Ray Stout—11
Joe McNulty—12
Boniface Fisher—13
Bernard Langan—14
Tom O'Kane—15

James Pierceall—16
Henry Walker—17
Vincent Langan—18
George Bland—19
Jimmie Galligan—20

MOREHOUSE

D. Cline—15
G. Comer—10
N. Crumpecker—6
H. Harlin—5
J. Headlee—90

POWER COMPANIES

PROVIDE FISH HATCHERIES

Eventually development companies operating in Missouri will provide for this State the nation's most important group of fish hatcheries as the result of a far-reaching legislative act now in force, John H. Ross, commissioner of the State game and fish department, points out. The bill which will create this huge hatchery system is one which requires development companies to build and maintain hatcheries for the State where power projects dam fishing streams.

The Union Electric Company already is at work constructing a \$40,000 hatchery on the shores of the Lake of the Ozarks. This hatchery will be made up of several ponds in which bass and other game fish will be propagated by the utilities company and distributed on applications received by the hatchery division of the State game and fish department.

Arrangements are now being made to construct and maintain hatcheries by two other power companies whose dams obstruct the free passage of fish is important fishing streams. Several other power companies already operating in Missouri are to do likewise and plans are now being made for immediate compliance with the new fish law. Failure to comply with the law liabiles the dam owners

Saturday, Feb. 27th

Will Be

OLIVER DAY
at Russell Bros.

Plan to be there to get your share of
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to a maximum fine of \$300 a month. Only companies building dams with satisfactory fish ladders are exempt from providing hatcheries. However, of the several dams now on Missouri's streams there is but one believed to permit the free passage of fish upstream.

FARM ACCOUNTING CLUB TO MEET FEBRUARY 25

A farm accounting club is being organized in Scott County by Agent Furry. This club is being organized primarily of boys 14 to 21 years of age, but parents are also invited to attend. Some parents have agreed for their sons to join and expressed that they would like to join also. The record while the other will be used as "dummy" for practice work at the meeting. Records are to start as of March 1st.

The average man not only dreads to keep farm records, but often has difficulty in applying the completed farm records to his farm operations. The system that will be used will make it possible for analysis of farm operations.

Morehouse, Mo., February 13.—George Boone of Morehouse died at his home Saturday, February 6, at 9:00 o'clock a.m., of a serious stomach disorder.

Mr. Boone was born February 9, 1862 in Davis County, Kentucky. He was married to Miss Viola Reeves of Owensboro, Ky., January 5, 1887. To this union five children were born, Hilary Boone of Jonesboro, Ark., Robert and Mrs. Glen Fisher of Morehouse and two children who died in infancy.

Mr. Boone had been engaged in the mercantile business in Morehouse for the past twenty-one years, and was active in business to within four weeks of his death.

No one who has passed from our midst has been more deeply mourned than he. Always ready to help those in need. He had a kind word and a ready smile for everyone. A constant friend, a kind and loving father and husband, an upright citizen. He will be missed by the entire community.

He leaves to mourn his passing, a widow, one daughter, two sons, a sister, four brothers and several grandchildren.

After a short service at the home Sunday morning, conducted by Rev. Self, of the Methodist church, the body was taken to Owensboro, Ky., and regular funeral services held in St. Paul's Catholic church, after which interment was made in the Catholic cemetery of that place.

Those who accompanied the family to Kentucky were Mrs. Jno. Meness, Mrs. Aaron Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. Galbraith Leming and John Parrish, who had charge of the funeral.

HOW WOULD YOU PRONOUNCE WHANGPOO?

Here is the way educated Chinese, speaking the Mandarin dialect, pronounce geographical names in the Shanghai fighting area, the stress being practically the same on all syllables.

Whangpoo—As if spelled Whong-poo.

Hongkew—As if Hong-cue.
Chapei—Chah-pay.
Paoshan—Pow-shan.
Woosung—Woo-soong.
Shihzelin—She-zer-lin.
Shilungkow—Shee-loong-kow.
Liuho—Loo-huh.
Kiangwan—Kee-ang-wan.

Princeton—Construction progressing on waterworks system.

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Tam
and be in
Fashion

Smart, new and becoming! High style to wear right now... the most important fashion for the entire spring season!

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Political Announcements

CITY OF SIKESTON

For Mayor

We are authorized to announce N. E. Fuchs as a candidate for re-election to the office of Mayor of Sikeston at the April election, subject to the will of the voters.

We are authorized to announce C. F. Bruton as a candidate for election to the office of Mayor of Sikeston at the April election, subject to the will of the voters.

Police Judge

The Standard is authorized to announce George Washington making each year large quantities of wine and distilling whisky which he not only uses but sold, and undoubtedly on visits to Mount Vernon have viewed with some envy his silver pocket flask, the larger flask which he used on his saddle when horseback riding, and the third flask which he carried in his coach.

"Possibly you do not possess a copy of his famous recipe for making beer, written in his own handwriting as follows:

"Take a large sifter full of bran hops to your taste. Boil these three hours, then strain out 30 gallons into a cooler. Put in three gallons molasses while the beer is scalding hot, or, rather, draw the molasses into the cooler and strain the beer on it while boiling hot. Let this stand till it is little more than blood warm, then put in a quart of yeast. If the weather is very cold cover it over with a blanket and let it work in the cooler 24 hours, then put it into the cask. Leave the bung open until it is almost done working. Bottle it that day when it was brewed.

"You may derive some personal benefit and satisfaction in experimenting with this recipe in addition to calling it to public attention."

Collector

The Standard is authorized to announce Elmos Taylor for the position of Collector of Revenue in the City of Sikeston to succeed himself, subject to the will of the voters in the City election April 5.

Alderman Ward I

The Standard is authorized to announce W. L. Waggoner as candidate for Alderman in Ward 1, subject to the will of the voters in the City election April 5.

Alderman Ward II

The Standard is authorized to announce Hubert Boyer as candidate for Alderman in Ward 2, subject to the will of the voters in the City election April 5.

Alderman Ward III

The Standard is authorized to announce J. Otto Hahs for alderman of Ward Three, to succeed himself, subject to the will of the voters in the City election April 5.

SCOTT COUNTY Sheriff

The Standard is authorized to an-

nounce Wade G. Anderson candidate for Sheriff of Scott County on the Democratic ticket, subject to the will of the voters in the August primary

WASHINGTON'S BEER RECIPE IS READ BY TYDINGS IN SENATE

In the Senate the other day Senator Tydings, Democrat, Maryland, read the following letter written by Senator Hawes, Democrat, Missouri, to Senator Bingham, Republican, Connecticut, who is the author of a bill to legalize 4 per cent beer.

"You, of course, are familiar with George Washington making each

year large quantities of wine and distilling whisky which he not only uses but sold, and undoubtedly on visits to Mount Vernon have viewed with some envy his silver pocket flask, the larger flask which he used on his saddle when horseback riding, and the third flask which he carried in his coach.

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